

Do you ever tell stories about something you did when you were younger?

When you are around family and friends, do people share stories about something that happened?

Most likely, the answer to that is "yes!"

Nearly every family has stories to share.

Like any other story, they may be funny, sad, inspiring, interesting, or even educational.

Sharing stories helps us understand ourselves and our world better.

What is a family story you know? Even if it's just the kernel of a story and you don't know all of it, jot it down here:

Type your answer here:

What other details do you need to know in order to tell the whole story?

Type your answer here:

You probably already know plenty of family stories.

Finding stories

Use the graphic organizer below to help gather ideas.

You don't have to write the whole story. You can use bullet points or just key words that will help you remember them.

Stories about me when I was little:

Type your answer here:

Stories I've heard about a parent:

Type your answer here:

Stories about me now:

Type your answer here:

Stories I've heard about a grandparent:

Type your answer here:

Stories about my family I've heard or experienced:

Type your answer here:

Stories I've heard about a family ancestor:

Type your answer here:



What is a family story you'd like to know more about?

Circle one or two of the questions below that interest you. Write what you already know in the space below.

How did your parents or grandparents meet?

Type your answer here:

How was your name chosen?

Type your answer here:

What did an older relative enjoy doing when they were your age?

Type your answer here:

How did your family settle in the place you currently live?

Type your answer here:

What is some wisdom your older relatives would like to share with you?

Type your answer here:

What is some wisdom you can share with others?

Type your answer here:



You may already know many family stories, but you can also ask others to share.

Digging deeper

Conduct an interview with a parent, grandparent, or even a family friend.

Write your interview questions in the left column and their answers in the right.

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Using the information you've gathered, write a family story you want to remember and share. Continue on another piece of paper if necessary.

Type your answer here:





Use this checklist to help you revise your story.

- ☐ Your story has a beginning, middle, and end.
- ☐ You added transitions to help your reader understand the series of events.
- ☐ You've included dialogue that helps your story come to life.
- ☐ Details help your story come to life.
- ☐ You used correct writing conventions.
- ☐ Are you happy with your story?
- ☐ Make any corrections to your story and write a final draft.

