

Summary

This unit was created to provide an opportunity for middle school students to engage in authentic storytelling with members of their family. The storytelling will be focused on sharing stories about family members, so the students can learn more about the lives of those who have come before them. The students will design an interview that will give them the information they need to write the person's life as a narrative. Using the techniques learned from professional writers and the levels of storytelling proposed by Noah Richler, they will develop their narratives into stories worth passing on. This unit will help spark an appreciation of the roles stories play in our lives, and an enduring appreciation for the timelessness of a good story and the rich benefits of engaging in authentic storytelling experiences.