Story Planning Worksheets

Participant name: _____

WORKSHOP NOTES:

WORKSHEET 1: STORY HUNTING

What stories come to mind?

Finish any sentence that sparks an idea.

- I'll never forget the time…
- I never expected…
- The first time I…
- One person I'll always remember is…
- I first became interested in _____ when…
- One place that means something to me is…
- Something I understand differently now is…
- I came to Wasaga Beach because…
- Wasaga Beach became home when…

My ideas

Idea 1:

Idea 2:

Idea 3:

Ontario

WBPL
wasaga beach public library

Want to interview someone instead?

Think about someone who has an interesting experience, hobby, career, community connection or memory you'd like to explore.

Person I might interview:

What I'd like to ask them about:

Another person who comes to mind:

Their possible story:

WORKSHEET 2: FIND THE SPARK

Look at your ideas. Which one makes you want to know more?

Is there:

- A moment you can picture?
- A person you remember vividly?
- Something surprising or funny?
- A discovery or change?
- A journey we could follow?
- Something that still matters to you?

The idea I'd like to explore further:

What interests me about this story?

Find One Thread

Remember: you're choosing one interesting thread, not trying to fit an entire life story into your episode.

My broad topic:

The specific story or experience I want to explore:

My Our Town Story Arc

WHERE WE BEGIN

Where does the story start? What does the listener need to know?

THE JOURNEY

What happened? What experiences, discoveries or encounters might be part of this story?

WHERE WE END UP

Where did it lead? Why does it matter now?

Take Us There

Is there a particular moment worth exploring in more detail?

The moment:

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What details could help bring it to life?

WORKSHEET 3: PLAN YOUR INTERVIEW

Complete this page if you plan to interview someone else.

Person I'm interviewing:

Their connection to the story:

The main topic or experience I'd like to explore:

Start Broad

Write a few comfortable opening questions.

1.

2.

3.

Explore the Story

What would you like to know more about?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Possible Follow-Up Questions to Remember

- What was that like?
- Take me back to that moment.
- What happened next?
- What do you remember?
- Tell me more about that.
- Why does that stay with you?

Remember: Your question list is a guide. Your job is to listen.

Additional Sounds

Is there a sound, activity or place connected to this story that I might want to record?

My Episode Introduction

You can write this after recording if you prefer.

"In this episode…"

Questions or Support I Need From WBPL