

DISCOVER YOUR **GREATNESS** ONE MINI-BITE AT A TIME !

The

STORY SHARING GAME ORIENTATION



**VIEWER !!!
WAKE-UP !
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BEFORE YOUR
LIFE ESCAPES !
*DON'T LET
YOUR STORY
DIE
WITH YOU !***

VIEWER had watched millions of movies, half hour and weekly shows, and multiple seasons, all on a cracked 9-inch screen. **VIEWER** forgot about the world beyond 9" – *TILL HE NO LONGER SAW HIS OWN LIFE !*

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LESSON #1 HANDOUT



IT IS HEREBY DECREED

*Let the Story Sharing Game Be Introduced Into Our Land
To Make Known Our Family's Greatness!*

THE GAME

By using the Story Sharing Game's modus operandi (or techniques) the players will preserve their family legacy by becoming amazing StoryTellers who can entertain audiences with short stories about their own lives! Here's what you'll do in an hour of timed Game play:

- 1) Read aloud a sample short story and discuss what it's about.
- 2) You'll choose a 'theme' (or topic) inspired by the sample story, and then must unearth your own memory - a real life situation (a.k.a. memoir) - that fits the theme.
- 3) You'll describe in (1) sentence the real-life situation you are going to build your story around.
- 4) Group silence for (15) minutes as players develop their stories.
- 5) Players each get (4) minutes to orally tell their stories.
- 6) Scoring of the stories and the player who has received the most chips is crowned the Game's topmost StoryTeller.

Before you play the Game you'll have (2) prep sessions. In this 1st session you are preparing the Game props (*Talking Stick, chips, crown*) and will learn about one of *the most important skills you'll need to develop to become a great storyteller (bet it's not what you think!)*. In the 2nd prep session you'll learn about storytelling tools, including '(11) Tips For Shaping Stories To Engage Your Audience'.

We each have three minutes to answer!

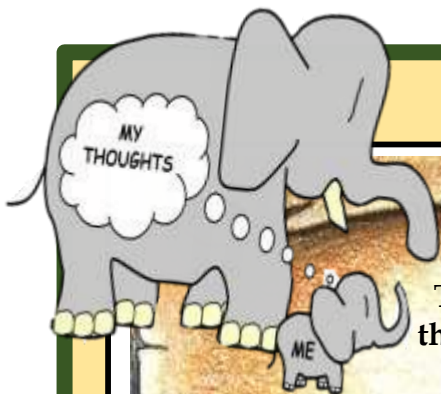


MINDSET

The Story Sharing Game compels a special mindset: Imagine you're on a TV game show and given seconds to come up with an answer! It's a speed-thinking game to help stir your imagination and call out surprising thoughts. As you tell stories to each other, be the actor and entertainer! Use all means to engage your audience - from props to wardrobe to dialogue to drawings. The more taken with passion (or silliness), the more fun you'll have doing the telling - and the more smitten your audience will be!



STORY SHARING GAME ORIENTATION (cont.)



SEEING THE BIG IN A MINI BITE !

The Story Sharing Game is about learning how to tell the story of one single situation in your life -- and make that small moment be big and interesting to others.

During the worst of the pandemic in the U.S., we couldn't do big and new things, play team sports, go to a concert, or hang out together at school or work. But we had time to learn how to do small things in an impressive way, and some of us came to crave that intense focus on our own lives. A project that encourages people to powerfully tell their stories in just (6) words :

www.SixWordMemoirs.com

All kinds of people - from teens to senior citizens, bus drivers to hospital workers, from actors to soldiers -- have contributed their (6) word memoirs, sharing what has happened to and around them, and how they feel about it. Here are sample (6) word memoirs from the site by teens sharing their stories of what it's like to be in lockdown:

"We were wearing masks before this."

by Wench

"New book, my dog, my garden."

by LisaK

"I'm really going 'round the bend."

by tagishcharley

"No fun, always alone, always pretending."

by Homolady05

"Dad rose. House slept. Cats too."

by Viskar

"Day dreaming of suitcase and passport."

by Gearingup

Imagine taking one of those (6) word memoirs above and turning it into a (2) minute movie with actors - *What would you see?* That's the type of short story you'll create about a moment in your life for the Story Sharing Game. Let's warm up by whipping up our own '**mini-bites**'!



SILENT GROUP ORBIT - (4) MINUTES



Tell A Story In (10) Words (Or Less) Prep

STORY TOPIC: WHAT HAS YOUR DAY BEEN LIKE?

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET - START THE STOPWATCH !

Everyone has (4) minutes to jot down ideas. Why are you allowed to tell up to a (10) word story ? That's (4) more words than the (6) word memoir. **BECAUSE YOU ONLY HAVE (4) MINUTES TO CREATE IT !** To get an idea down to just (6) words can take many attempts and even a day to think about it. (Count your words !)

1st

TALKING STICK ROUND

You will be passing a Talking Stick when you share your mini-bite stories. In the Story Sharing Game players learn how to make themselves and what they say more powerful by smothering the impulse to always talk whenever they want!

Like a warrior who retreats before battle to build up the strength to strike wisely, the Talking Stick will help you learn to build up your thoughts and ideas before you speak. Native Americans warriors also use a [Talking Stick](#) at times of important group communicating to balance the contributions of all in a circle. The Talking Stick is passed from person to person, and only the person holding the stick is allowed to talk.

'WHAT HAS YOU DAY BEEN LIKE?'

PASSING THE TALKING STICK

- ❖ The first player holds the Talking Stick and shares their (10) words (or less) mini-bite story.
- ❖ If the player uses more than (10) words, other players not holding the Talking Stick can call out the over # of words – like '12'. **NO OTHER COMMENTS!** (*There's no scoring yet. This a warm-up exercise.*)
- ❖ The Talking Stick is passed until everyone's story is shared.

'WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MINI-BITE STORIES?'

(1) Word Talking Stick Round

Pass the Talking Stick as each player gives their (1) word opinion.

LET IT BE KNOWN

The Game Is About Expression -- Not Boast!

The Story Sharing Game is not a competition where you're judged for the 'best' right or wrong, or correct answers. The scoring of stories will be based on (10) questions that will help you appreciate how to better engage an audience, such as:

Which story idea surprised you the most? / What story touched you the most emotionally?

Which 'performance' by a StoryTeller did you enjoy the most?

Which story can you imagine as a short film?

When you're learning to skateboard, you fall off - but it's an exciting challenge - so you get back on and fall off again! You watch the skaters who can do tricks and you practice. The day you perform your first beginners trick, all the other skaters will applaud out of respect! You're someone who doesn't give up and loves what you are learning to express!



STORY SHARING GAME ORIENTATION (cont.)

*The Most Important Skill You'll Need To Develop
To Become A Great StoryTeller ?!*

'LISTENING' QUOTES

1. *"We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less."* - Diogenes
2. *"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."* - Stephen R. Covey
3. *"I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything. So if I am going to learn, I must do so by listening."* - Larry King
4. *"Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand."* - Karl A. Menniger



TALKING STICK ROUND: 'WHAT DO THE 'LISTENING' QUOTES MEAN?'

- ❖ Player holding Talking Stick reads aloud quote #1 and says if it makes sense or not, and why.
- ❖ The Talking Stick is passed to the next player who reads aloud quote #2 and says if it makes sense or not, and why. The Stick passing continues until all (4) quotes have been read.
- ❖ The Talking Stick is now passed to each player for them to make (1) last comment (or ?) as to whether they see 'listening' being important to becoming a good storyteller, and why.

If we listen more carefully to each other (and to ourselves), we'll become a team capable of

BIG DREAMS

- 1) Produce our own comic book with drawings based on a story (or stories) we craft in the Story Sharing Game. Great gifts!
- 2) Learn how to turn one of our short stories into a film script, then do all the roles of cast and crew and shoot our own short film!



"Dreams come in a size too big so that we may grow into them." - Josie Bisse

"No one has ever achieved greatness without dreams." - Roy Bennet



(1) WORD CLOSING ROUND !

Pass The Talking Stick
Each Player Shares
(1) Word To Sum Up Their
Experience Of Lesson #1