

Ideas for Telling Digital Stories

Life is quite simply full of stories. These story ideas are for those with the misconception that they cannot be storytellers or may not presently have a multitude of uses for stories. When asked to find a story, some of us still experience a blank screen blocking their creative part that is really just waiting in the wings to express itself. More details are provided in the book, *DigiTales: The Art of Telling Digital Stories*.

Regardless of which type of story you decide to conjure up, remember that at the heart of all stories is the importance of expressing your own story. Make sure the story you tell develops your own thinking, spirit and viewpoint regardless of the content. Be very present in all your stories. The power is not in telling ABOUT an event or someone else's life but rather shifting the storytelling lens to using the settings, details and actions as the context for telling YOUR own story with the experience.

Each story needs to develop a very personal point, a moral, an a-ha awareness or a specific understanding. How does the historical or current event affect your life or thinking or beliefs? How has your family's history given meaning to or shaped your life? How does knowing the facts about a famous person or event influence your thinking and beliefs? Trust your own voice and unique approach to tell your stories. The magic is that if a story touches you -- then that is the story that needs to be told!

- Personal Stories: Creating Living Memories Around Defining Moments of Life
- Kinship Stories: Family Stories of Who We Are
- Hyper-Interactive Stories: Group Stories with Diverse Paths and Endings
- Personal Expression: Creating Visual Expressions of Thoughts and Feelings
- Myths, Legends and Tales: Past, Present and Future of Self, Family or Ideas
- Informative or Expository Stories: Information Beyond Words
- Persuasive Stories: Influencing and Impacting Others
- Itza Wrap: Stories of Lessons Learned
- Future Vision Stories: Imagining the Future NOW