

Discover the Writer in You

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Teen Workshop

Workshop Objectives

- By the time we have completed this workshop, you will have an idea of:
 - Whether or not you are a storyteller; and
 - The type of writer you are



Are you a storyteller?

- Do you have a story to tell
- What kind of story will you tell
- How will you tell your story
- What is the purpose of your story



DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?



Workshop

Option A

- Write a letter to a new friend explaining ...
- Your friend is from an under-developed country and knows nothing of our modern ways
 - Letter must only be three paragraphs
 - The letter must have three parts: an introduction to the topic, the body of the topic and a summary of the topic.
- Topics:
 - The purpose of a flat iron
 - The purpose of a telephone

Option B

- Write a paragraph on the following topic:
 - Pick a person in the room that you do not know and make up a story about that person.

Option C

- Write a paragraph on the following topic:
 - Select an issue that you care about

How will you tell your story?

Electronic media

- ✓ Tweets
- ✓ Blogs
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Social media

Songs

- ✓ Genre
- ✓ Instrumental

Voice

- ✓ Audio books
- ✓ Storytelling

Written word

- ✓ Books
- ✓ Journalism
- ✓ Journaling



Workshop Activity

Part 1 – My purpose on earth is to ...

Part 2 – My purpose on Mars is to ...

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What is the purpose of your story?

- In order to answer this question, you must know:
 - Why is your story important?
 - Who is your audience?
 - What are you trying to tell?
 - Where does your story take place?
 - When do you want your story told?



Mechanics of Writing

- Grammar
- Voice
- Age group
- Fiction, Non-fiction, Creative non-fiction



Summary

- During this workshop you were given tools to decide:
 - Whether or not you are a storyteller; and
 - The type of writer you are

