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The Storytelling Cycle: Navigating Our Way through the Listening and Sharing of Stories

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Everyone has a story to tell. No matter where we're from geographically, our cultural background, or our status in life. Storytelling is a universal tradition. This tradition allows the sharer to provide the receiver with his or her interpretation of an event. Once that story is shared, the receiver continues the cycle of sharing stories. Within this unit, The Storytelling Cycle: Navigating Our Way through the Listening and Sharing of Stories, students will spend time learning the basic characteristics of storytelling. Highlights within the unit include students spending time reviewing and analyzing stories, working with and learning from a certified storyteller, and concluding with the development of their own generational stories created through family interviews.

(Developed for Language Arts, Writing, and Social Studies, grades 4-5; recommended for Language Arts, Writing, and Social Studies, grades 4-6)

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