

# Storytelling Tips

## Choosing a story

Is your story

- a personal story?
- a story you read?
- story you heard?
- true?
- fiction?

(let the kids know if it is fact or fiction)

- Beware of stories you read online.
  - What is the source?
  - Can you trust it?
  - Do your homework. (Google it, and read it from different sources if available)



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## Why do you want to tell this story?

What makes you choose this particular story to share?

## What is the key lesson?

What should the audience walk away with?

## How much time do you have? - 5 minutes max

What is essential to the story?

- What can be eliminated?
- What can be added?

The makeup of my audience and the time allotted to me will impact what details to include or leave out.

## Keeping their attention

Watch your audience as you perform your story.

- Are they watching you?
- Are they engaged?
- Are they distracted?

If they are distracted what can you do to regain their attention?

- Increase your volume (include sound effects)
- Decrease your volume (whisper something important)
- Move your body (move around intentionally)

## First and last words

Your first words are your best chance to engage with your audience.

Your final words are what will be remembered.

You may fumble in the middle, but you must nail your opening and closing remarks.