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Your Story Matters: Building Confidence & Connections

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PLUS ME activates the art of personal storytelling to build confidence in youth as they pursue their college, career, and life goals.

Since 2013, we've impacted over *150,000* students from over *450* schools.



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Why stories?

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- They connect us
- They remind us we are not alone
- They motivate and inspire us
- They help us learn about others
- They make us feel
- They help us show vulnerability



Richard's Story



Your Story Matters



What makes up your story?



Characters Settings Events Lessons



Characters

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Who helped raise you? Who else is in your family? Who is your role model?



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Settings

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Where were you born? Where is your family from? Where do you spend your free time?



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Struggles & Accomplishments

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	STRUGGLE	ACCOMPLISHMENT
Academic	0	•
Athletic	0	
Emotional	10	
Family		۲
Friends		
Financial	0	0
Mental		0
Personal	0	•
Physical	0	
Social	-0	0
Spiritual	- 0	0



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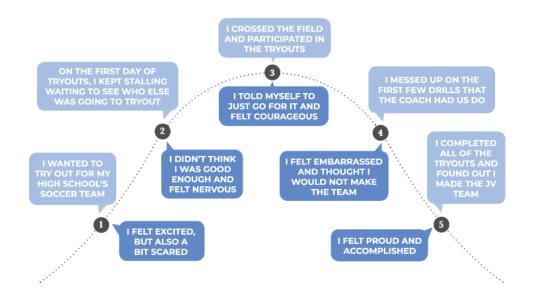


What makes stories powerful?





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CHARACTERS AND EVENTS

THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

TURN IT INTO YOUR STORY

In 10th grade, I remember I wanted to try out for the boys soccer team at my high school. I was not involved in any sports or extracurricular activities at my school, so I was very nervous for this new experience. On the first day of tryouts, I paced back and forth along the fence watching the other guys who were going to try out. I felt nervous, but chose to take a deep breath and just go for it. During the first few drills I was one of the slowest runners and could not kick the ball straight. I was embarrassed and didn't think I would make the team, but I found out that I did. This was an important moment for me because I was outside of my comfort zone and proved to myself that I could accomplish something if I tried and did my best.





Lessons



What is I lesson you want to share with others?



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