



Historytelling

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Choose one event or person in history you are passionate about.

Select a short piece of writing or short book about your topic.

Read information on your topic several times until you have the main ideas in your head.

Retell what you understand from your reading to another person.

Write down some of the names and words that are difficult for you...on chart paper.

If you like to draw, accompany some of your words with simple drawings.

Now, instead of retelling what you read, try to tell what you read in a story format...to just one person.

Use your chart paper to help you remember highlights from the story.

Next, try to imagine what life was like for your person or during the time period about which you are interested.

Add some elaborative details to what you already know about your topic.

Now tell the story with your own voice...try this again with an audience.

Other suggestions:

- Read a variety of short history stories from different sources.
- Take opportunities to hear other storytellers.
- Keep a writer's notebook to jot down all you learn about storytelling, notes about storytellers you experience, and the stories you read and research.

Happy Historytelling!