

Story E Telling
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Absolutely Whootie: Stories to Grow By

Multicultural folktales searchable by continent and country; free writing assignments and play scripts as well. It also offers stories categorized by themes to foster positive behavior and reinforcement. You'll be wise as an owl in no time at all.

<http://hazel.forest.net/whootie/default.html>

Legends of Guam

Nineteen legends from this beautiful island; their main page also offers insight into this ancient culture. On one page I found this proverb from the Chamorra people, "*I erensia, lina'la', espiritu-ta,*" which means "*Our heritage gives life to our spirit.*" A storyteller could have written those words.

<http://www.gov.gu/legends.html>

National Council of Teachers of English

The NCTE's position statement on the value of storytelling in the classroom.

http://www.ncte.org/positions/teaching_storytelling.shtml

Reading Is Fundamental ~ The History of Storytelling

Short, concise article which highlights the benefits of storytelling.

<http://www.rif.org/educators/articles/storytelling.msp>

State Standards.com

Choose the state and all of the standards are there to tie your work with the state curriculum and lesson plans. You may also ask to be notified by email when your state changes its standards.

<http://www.statestandards.com/>

Stories Go All Around

This Canadian site uses the art of storytelling to remind children and adults the importance of their own stories. It offers a collection of stories, information on integrating storytelling into the curriculum, and choosing, learning and telling stories.

http://www.unicef.ca/eng/unicef/story/stories_that.html

Storytelling Wiki

Launched in February of 2003, the website is devoted to developing a general body of theory and lore about Storytelling. Everyone is welcome to contribute; read, share and help build this valuable resource.

<http://www.storytellingwiki.net/>

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

A page turner for those interested in writing and illustrating children's literature. They have also compiled a forty-seven page reference of books http://www.scbwi.org/pubs/scbwi_pubs/Children_Crisis.pdf whose themes "stress tolerance, peace, unity, conflict resolution..." That alone is worth a visit!

<http://www.scbwi.org/index.htm>

Vocalist

While this United Kingdom site is geared towards singers, the information is pertinent to other performers as well. Learn how to take care of one of your greatest assets, your voice.

<http://www.vocalist.org.uk/index.html>

Western Yugur Folktales

Animals, ogres and magic, oh my! A treasure trove of folktales at your fingertips.

<http://home.arcor.de/marcmarti/yugur/folktale/folktale.htm>