

Storytelling: Writing

Lesson 3



TAKE POWER. GIVE BACK.

Stories Matter.



“Show a people as one thing, only one thing, over and over again, and that is what they **become.**”

Power's Power

Some stories **are more likely to be heard** than others. That is because of ...

- **Power:** the ability to *impose* one's will even against resistance from others. This power primarily comes from position in a social structure (Lucas and Baxter, 2011). Think **laws!**
- **Influence:** urging behavior change **without threat** of punishment or promise of reward. Influence results largely from the respect and esteem in which one is held by others (Lucas and Baxter, 2011). Think **persuasion!**

Power to the People

Questions to Consider:

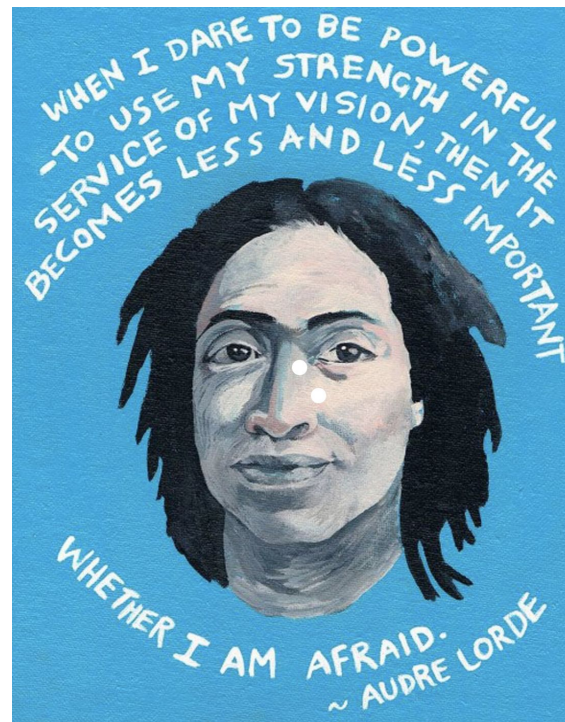
- What **should** be told? How do we determine that?
- Are you telling **someone else's** story? Are you telling your own story?
- Will your story put yourself/them in **danger**? If so, do you/they **understand** and **consent** to their story being told?
- How do we **balance** being brave with self-care?

Email/Editorial Template

1. Introduce your **story**
2. Introduce the **bill** and what your **beliefs** about the bill
3. Discuss **why** you believe it: find statistics/studies to support, answer opposing arguments, etc.
4. Call to **action**--How and What: call/write your legislator, attend the next hearing, vote, volunteer, etc.

Activity

- Make a list of **three stories** you could tell about your issue. These could be:
 - Personal
 - Stories of people you know
 - Public stories/Stories in the news
- **Share** your best story idea with the group and your **concerns** about telling that story



This Week's To-do's

1. Write a **draft** of your **editorial!**
 - 1-2 **pages**, double-spaced
 - Size 12 **font**
 - Be **honest!**

2. And **listen** to [this](#) audio clip about #metoo and Anita Hill telling her story.

What Does the United States Stand For?

The Threat to Privacy of Opinion

The N.Y.P.D. Sex Crimes Unit Still Needs Help
The #MosqueMeToo Movement

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