

# Conference on Aging

## Resources for Storytelling and Drawing Out the Storytelling in Others

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Story Corps

<https://storycorps.org/thanksgiving2020/>

Home of many resources for preserving and sharing stories to build connections

The Great Thanksgiving Listen – encouraging folks to interview a elder, mentor, friend along with tips on preserving and sharing their story:

Story Corps Printable PDF tips for interviewing someone for their story:

[https://storycorpsorg-staging.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/CONVERSATION-TIPS\\_V3.pdf](https://storycorpsorg-staging.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/CONVERSATION-TIPS_V3.pdf)

Story Corps Printable PDF List of Questions to give you a start:

<https://storycorpsorg-staging.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/StoryCorps-Connect-Great-Questions-Final.pdf>

Wellfleet Circle and Melanie Vetter

<https://wellfleetcircle.com/>

Many personal storytelling resources, including a free e-book: Questions To Ask Loved Ones for turning your family gathering into a chance to share stories.

<https://wellfleetcircle.com/family-story-questions/>

Long Story Short, The Only Storytelling Guide You'll Ever Need by Margot Leitman

Here is Margot Leitman telling a story about being on The Price is Right

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlC4BPQABEA>

Nell Weatherwax Autobiographical Improvised True Storytelling

I perform and teach a story discovery method in which the teller starts with a random gesture and lets the gesture bring to the imagination and memory words, sounds and ultimately a story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxyN43ova8U>

The Moth

<https://themoth.org>

Storytelling focusing on true stories told without notes. A huge catalog of recorded shows featuring 5–10-minute true stories told by regular people.

How to Tell a Story

(Book coming April of 2022)

[The Moth | The Art and Craft of Storytelling](#)

The definitive guide to telling an unforgettable story in any setting, drawing on twenty-five years of experience from the storytelling experts at The Moth.

**More examples of good stories:**

Small Town Prisoner

A woman's father trusts a prisoner, with surprising results.

<https://themoth.org/stories/small-town-prisoner>

Oliver's Pink Bicycle

A three-year old's pink birthday wish makes a man consider the kind of father that he wants to be.

<https://themoth.org/stories/olivers-pink-bicycle>

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