



Writing Assignment: My Family Story (9-12)

Writing Prompt

The featured book from the lesson video, “*Navajo Long Walk*”, is based on Navajo oral tradition and written history. Every culture passed on their stories through oral tradition long before those stories were written down. To pass down the origin stories and religion, the elders taught the young people. They did this through storytelling. Listen to the origin story on YouTube for the Mescalero Apache: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KznR8XaYjYk>. Now listen to the origin story on YouTube for the Navajo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMVRXtfjYuE>. Each story was told in a way to engage the listener so that the listener would remember.

Now it is your turn. Look at your own family. What is your story? You can start with a family tree to learn more about your family’s history. We like to tell stories, so if you talk to your parents or grandparents they will tell you stories of where your family came from. You can look at the origin story of your culture and add that to your family story if you want to.

Create your own family story. You can write the story down or create your own video and record your story as though this story will be passed on to the next generation. What’s important is to be creative with your story.

