

Tell us a Story

English 12

“I am not who I once was”

Think of an experience in your life that altered you forever. It could be a simple moment in everyday life. It could be more monumental such as a family tragedy, injury, or major milestone in your life. It could be a time you learned it the hard way, a time you noticed something that shifted your perspective, a very humorous experience that taught you something important. Whatever you decide to write/talk about, I just ask that it be REAL. Stories only work when we are authentic and share a piece of us that people wouldn't know by just seeing us at the surface level. You will be writing from the prompt: I am not who I once was.

Story Writing Criteria:

1. These stories must only be 2-3 minutes when read aloud. This translates to no longer than 2 pages hand written/typed. In this case, less will probably be more—you are not sharing your entire life story. It's **one moment** that shifted you forever.
2. Just be sure to have a clear beginning, middle, and resolve at the end.
3. Be YOU. We want to hear your voice.
4. As a tip to know where to start, think about what you want your audience to take from your story, and choose the details that will communicate that idea. The everyday can be something moving and powerful based on the details you share.

You will be revising these in class with a partner and then reading them aloud.

Your first draft is due: _____

Your read-aloud (typed final story) in class will be: _____

It sounds scary, but this is going to be such a powerful platform to share beautiful things from your life with others. This is going to be your final time to really share a part of your life with the people in this class/school. Be real. We will respect you for your honesty and vulnerability.



