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The Story About Someone Important: Character and Memorial Stories

- What is or had been your relationship to this person?
- How would you describe this person (physical appearance, character, etc)?
- Is there an event/incident that best captures their character?
- What about them do you most enjoy?
- What about them drives you crazy?
- What lesson did they give you that you feel is important?
- If you had something to say to them, that they may have never heard you say, what would it be?

The Story About an Event in My Life: Adventure and Accomplishment Stories

- What was the event (time, place, incident, or series of incidents)?
- What was your relationship to the event?
- With what other people did you experience this event?
- Was there a defining moment in the event?
- How did you feel during this event (fear, exhilaration, sharpened awareness, joy)?
- Why did you learn from this event?
- How did this event change your life?

The Story About a Place in My Life

- How would you describe the place?
- With whom did you share this place?
- What general experiences do you relate to this place?
- Was there a defining experience at the place?
- What lessons about yourself do you draw from your relationship to this place?
- If you have returned to this place, how has it changed?

The Story About What I Do: Work Stories

- What is your profession or ongoing interest?
- What experiences, interests, knowledge in your previous life prepared you for this activity?
- Was there an initial event that most affected your decision to pursue this interest?
- Who influenced or assisted you in shaping your career, interest, or skill in this area?
- How has your profession or interest affected your life as a whole (family, friends, where you live)?
- What has been the highlight of your vocational/avocational life?