

My story



Length:
20 - 30 minutes

About this lesson

Students add a story to their storyboards and reflect on why it's important to keep a digital record of their stories.

Learning objectives

By the end of this activity, students will:

- Add a story to their **Storyboard**
- Describe their story and explain why it was important to add
- Reflect on the importance of keeping a digital record of their experiences

Inquiry prompts

- How do my stories help my teachers and parents understand me?
- Why is it important to keep a digital record of my stories?

Before you begin

1. Confirm that you are able to log in to your student demo account in Xello.
2. Ensure that students are able to log in to their accounts and access their **Storyboard** in **About Me**.
3. Decide whether to take discussion notes with your class via a slide deck and project for students to view, or on a whiteboard.
4. OPTIONAL: Create a Xello **Assignment**. This is where students can submit their reflections at the end of the activity.

Teaching strategies

- 1 Start by asking students the following question: How can sharing a story about myself help my parents and teachers understand me? Allow students five minutes to reflect on this question and take notes. Ask a few students to share their responses.
- 2 In your student demo account, model accessing your **Storyboard** through **About Me**. Click **Add a story**. Instruct students to do the same in their accounts.
- 3 Under **Pick a story type**, briefly highlight a few categories and ask students to give a few examples of stories that would fit each category. Examples:
 - **School projects**: A science project that they are proud of.
 - **Places**: Somewhere they have visited that was important to them.
 - **Music**: A favorite song or artist and why it's meaningful.
- 4 Share a quick story of your own with the class. Then ask them to decide which category your story would fit under.
- 5 Model selecting the category, then adding a title that represents the experience. Under **Why did you add this story?** describe your story and explain why it's important to add to your storyboard.

Materials required

- Computers or tablets with internet access
- Whiteboard and whiteboard markers (optional)

Artifacts

Students:

- add 1 story to **Storyboard**
- reflect in a Xello **Assignment** or classroom discussion

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- 6 Now ask your students: What does this story tell you about me? Did you learn something new?
- 7 Now, give students 5 minutes to think about what stories they'd like to add to their storyboards. Keep the categories displayed for the class to help them remember the types of stories they can add. Have students note their stories on a piece of paper so they remember what they are adding.
- 8 Once students have come up with their stories, tell them to pick one and allow them 10 minutes to add their stories to their storyboards in **About Me**.
- 9 When students have finished adding their stories, ask two or three of them to share their stories with the class.
- 10 At the end of the activity, have students respond to the following question in a class discussion or Xello **Assignment**:
 - Why is it important to keep a digital record of my stories?