



Young Storytellers Lab

Teaching the Craft of Oral Storytelling

The Young Storytellers Lab is a literary and performance based in-school residency for middle and high school students. Working with an experienced theatre artist and educator, students in the program will learn to craft their own monologues, both on the page and on the stage, leading up to a final performance of their original stories for their school community.

The Young Storytellers Lab is a 10-day residency and can be tailored to fit language arts, drama, and history curriculum. Residencies can happen over the course of two weeks or be experienced over a longer period to accommodate classroom scheduling.

During this residency, students learn:

- The history of oral storytelling, including contemporary examples such as *This American Life* and *The Moth*
- The literary and subjective elements that make a good story
- The art of telling a good story, including how to implement theatrical performance techniques

The Young Storytellers Lab program aligns with the following California State Standards:

- 2.0 Creative Expression
- 2.2 Impvise or write dialogues/scenes, applying basic dramatic structure and using complex characters to motivate the action
- 4.0 Aesthetic Valuing
- 4.1 Use complex evaluation criteria and terminology to compare and contrast a variety of genres of dramatic literature.
- 4.2 Draw conclusions about the effectiveness of informal and formal productions, films/videos, or electronic media on the basis of intent, structure, and quality of the work
- 5.0 Connections, Relationships, Applications
- 5.2 Manage time, prioritize responsibilities, and meet deadlines for a production as specified by group leaders, team members, or directors.

Cost: Starting at \$800 for a 10-day, one-classroom residency

For more information or to book: theatreworks.org/youth-programs/for-schools/young-storytellers-lab, or contact Katie Bartholomew at 650.463.7154 or kbartholomew@theatreworks.org