More Story Starters

PURPOSE: To become aware of the family stories you have heard, to record some of them, and to develop writing skills

YOU’LL NEED: Pen or pencil

TIME: Varies

HOW TO DO IT: If you have a story about yourself or have heard a story on any of the following topics, write down whose story it is and a few notes to help you remember it. Don’t write the whole story here, just use a few words as a title to remind yourself of it. For example:

- Mother—her first job at the Dime Store
- Father—trading the sandwiches in his lunch for his friend’s burritos

Also, list stories you would like them to tell you more about.

- The first time I babysat ________________________________
- A favorite relative or friend ________________________________
- When I stayed overnight at a friend’s house ________________________________
- A memorable birthday ________________________________
- An unusual meal I’ve eaten ________________________________
- How I used to get out of going to bed on time ________________________________
- The time I had to do a chore I really disliked ________________________________
- Games we play while riding in the car ________________________________
- One of the best times I have had with my family ________________________________
- One of the hard times I have had with my family ________________________________
- Once when we had a big storm ________________________________
- What I liked about where I used to live ________________________________
- The time when I met my best friend ________________________________
- A scary place in my house or apartment ________________________________
- My secret or special place ________________________________
- When I visited my relative’s old house ________________________________
- My first day at school ________________________________
—When I was at church or the synagogue
—When I was in the hospital
—The first time I went downtown by myself
—The first time I rode on a bus or a plane
—When I went up north, to camp, on a trip
—When my family lived in another country
—Something else comes to mind:

WHAT ELSE?

1. Collect stories from other people also. Put all your collected stories into a book and draw pictures to illustrate them.
2. Select a story for your club or group to act out during the fair or at a school event.