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# More Story Starters

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
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**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.