

THE IMPORTANCE OF STORYTELLING

Welcome to the Primer series.

Here you will find the weekly Primer articles and some curated resources to support teaching and learning.

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Primer *The role of storytelling: Are people too busy for stories today?*

This is the first of a series of 12 primers on current affairs and issues in the news, and what they mean for Singapore.

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Being a writer, I have always been fascinated by the power of stories. They are a part of our lives, from the myths and legends of our ancestors to the novels and films of today. But in our fast-paced, digital world, are we still taking the time to listen to stories? Or are we too busy to do so?



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While exploring the resources, we invite you to consider how the ideas within and across issues are interrelated. Activate your prior knowledge and draw connections between what you already know about storytelling and its place in your society as you examine issues of storytelling in different contexts and from different perspectives.



In this issue, we will:

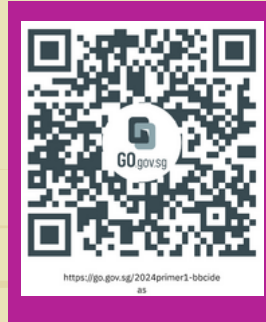
- Examine how the role of storytelling has stayed the same and/or evolved in different contexts and cultures;
- Understand the impact of storytelling on different people in different societies; and
- Consider how issues surrounding storytelling relate to your personal experience and your society.



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HOW STORIES SHAPE OUR MINDS | THE SCIENCE OF STORYTELLING | BBC IDEAS

Watch this video to find out more about **how stories shape our minds**.



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THE POWER OF STORYTELLING: UNLEASHING THE MAGIC OF NARRATIVES

Read this article to discover **how powerful storytelling can be**.



STORYTELLING THROUGH THE DECADE

This infographic tells us **how storytelling has evolved over the years**.

You may click [here](#) to read the full article.



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The following resources explore different perspectives on the power of storytelling in **shaping our identities and cultures**, how it has **evolved in the digital age** and **the need to view stories through a critical lens**.



THE FUTURE OF STORYTELLING

Alsaraj opines that with emerging technologies that have the power to immerse the audience in a story, the future of storytelling is looking more exciting than ever before.



STORYTELLING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Hennebury asserts that storytelling is a fundamental part of being human because of our need to share stories and connect with others.



EFFECTS OF STORYTELLING

Wordskou argues for the need to critically analyse stories in view of how compelling and innocent they may seem. Listen to the podcast from **22:00 - 43:49**.



AFTER YOU READ THESE ARTICLES,

How far do you agree with these perspectives and how does each writer's view support or challenge the others?

EXTEND YOUR UNDERSTANDING: RESOURCES FOR BLENDED LEARNING



STORYTELLING AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS

Before there was writing, there was storytelling. It occurs in every culture and from every age. Here are some examples of storytelling as a method of passing down cultural traditions.

STORYTELLING IN SINGAPORE

Visit this website to view "Singapore Memories - Documenting Our Stories Together".



STORYTELLING IN THE DIGITAL ERA

Watch this video to find out why storytelling is so powerful in the digital era.

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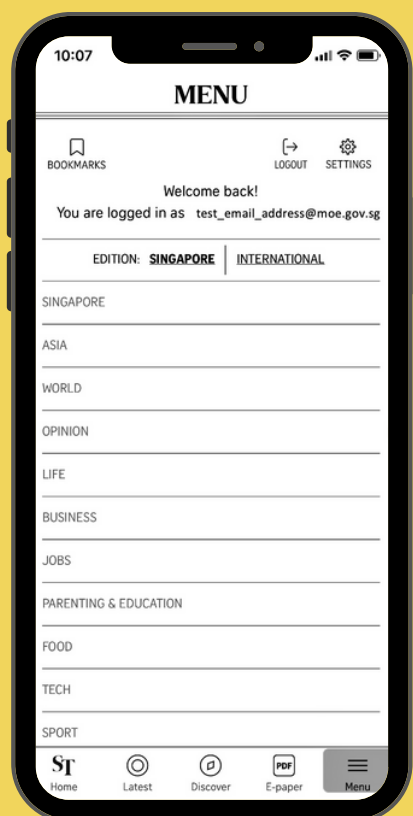
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