

## **9 Basic Steps: Teaching Storytelling to Students**

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1. Tell the group an example story.
2. Provide ice breaking games involving verbal skills.
3. Introduce the concept of “Appreciations and Suggestions.”
4. Initiate theater games to help students understand character, conflict, struggles and motivation.
5. Have students review a variety of folktales and talk to other students about a story they found interesting.
6. Invite students to create and share a new story or adapt a folktale using some of the skills learned so far.
7. After each telling, ask the storytellers if they would like to receive appreciations and suggestions from classmates. (This is not a mandatory exercise, so it is not an issue if someone declines.)
8. Encourage students to re-tell their stories and receive new feedback in the form of appreciations and suggestions.
9. After sharing a story two or three times, and receiving feedback from fellow students, encourage the class to consider sharing their stories with an audience.