**Technology, Storytelling, & Social Justice**

**An Annotated List of Resources for Teachers**

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**1. Digital storytelling as a tool for social justice**

### *Overview:*

* Digital storytelling is "using the tools of digital media to craft, record, share and value the stories of individuals and communities, in ways that improve our lives" ([Center for Digital Storytelling](http://www.storycenter.org/index1.html)).
* "... refers to using new digital tools to help ordinary people to tell their own real-life stories." ([Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_storytelling))
* “Digital Storytelling is the modern expression of the ancient art of storytelling. Throughout history, storytelling has been used to share knowledge, wisdom, and values. Stories have taken many different forms. Stories have been adapted to each successive medium that has emerged, from the circle of the campfire to the silver screen, and now the computer screen.” ([Leslie Rule, Digital Storytelling Association](http://electronicportfolios.com/digistory/))
* The importance of stories: [Composing lives: Listening and responding to marginalized youth](http://www.cea-ace.ca/education-canada/article/composing-lives-listening-and-responding-marginalized-youth) - “In listening to stories, we become implicated in a complex ethical relationship, one we can’t so easily evade, one in which we as listeners are also positioned as thinkers.”

***Key Resources:***

* [Digital Storytelling Wiki](http://couros.wikispaces.com/Digitalstorytelling) (see examples of stories, tools, and media sources here)
* [Youtube Playlist](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL43750CA7757D3BCA&feature=mh_lolz) (various examples of kinds of stories)
* [Students Creating Digital Stories](https://studentscreatingdigitalstories.wordpress.com/) (Student created site)
* [Intro to Digital Storytelling](http://www.speedofcreativity.org/2012/03/06/introduction-to-digital-storytelling-by-alec-couros-courosa-helc12/) (Wes Fryer’s overview)
* [50 Ways to Tell A Story](http://cogdogroo.wikispaces.com/50+Ways) (great resource, includes places to find media)
* [Mission DS106](http://assignments.ds106.us/) (an anthology of new media projects) and be sure to see <http://ds106.us>
* [Centre for Digital Storytelling](http://www.storycenter.org/resources.html) (one of the best resources re: DS)
* Summaries of Learning (See [top examples](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pijhbv4rbZ9WnhXoHen7FYrQfySg-4q5tDa3xLkEMXI/edit) as well as links from [2009](http://educationaltechnology.ca/couros/1727), [2010](http://educationaltechnology.ca/couros/1937), [2011](http://educationaltechnology.ca/couros/2041), [2012](http://educationaltechnology.ca/couros/2074))
* [Digital Storytelling](http://www.schrockguide.net/digital-storytelling.html) - An excellent, very comprehensive guide from Kathy Schrock.
* [The Story Spine](http://www.aerogrammestudio.com/2013/03/22/the-story-spine-pixars-4th-rule-of-storytelling/) - Pixar’s method for developing story arcs
* [The Shape of Stories](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oP3c1h8v2ZQ) - (Kurt Vonnegut explains WITH CHALK)
* [StoryboardTha](http://www.storyboardthat.com/)t - Easy to use, online storyboarding tool.

**A Few (Possible) Storytelling Tools:**

* [Narrable](https://narrable.com/) - emphasis on reflecting through voice narrations
* [iMovie](https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/imovie/id377298193?mt=8) - popular video editing tool
* [iMovie trailer creator](https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/imovie/id377298193?mt=8) - Easy to use app for creating trailers in various genres
* [Puppetpals](https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/puppet-pals-hd/id342076546?mt=8) - App for creating animated puppet shows
* [StopMo Studio](https://www.nfb.ca/stopmo) - App for creating stop motion videos
* [VoiceThread](http://voicethread.com/) - presentation/storytelling tool
* [Telegami](https://tellagami.com/) - animated video creator
* [Pixiclip](http://www.pixiclip.com/) - interactive whiteboard
* [Audioboo](https://audioboo.fm/) - audio recording tool
* [Little Bird Tales](https://littlebirdtales.com/) - storytelling tool
* [Garageband](https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/garageband/id408709785?mt=8) - popular audio editing tool
* [Fotobabble](http://www.fotobabble.com/) - allows for pictures with voiceover
* [Smore](https://www.smore.com/) - flyer creator
* [PicCollage](http://pic-collage.com/) - photo collage creator
* [Educreations](http://www.educreations.com/) - video lesson creator
* [Animoto](http://animoto.com/) - creates short, appealing videos quick and easy
* [Storify](https://storify.com/) - Creates stories out of social media content
* [Five Card Flickr](http://5card.cogdogblog.com/play.php?suit=5card) - generates random 5-photo stories.
* [Flickr Pecha Kucha](http://pechaflickr.cogdogblog.com/index.php) - Create pecha kucha presentations with random Flickr images.
* [PicLits](http://www.piclits.com/compose_dragdrop.aspx) - easy drag and drop photo stories.
* [Flickr](http://flickr.com/) - various ideas include [5 frame stories](http://www.flickr.com/groups/visualstory/), [6 word stories](http://www.flickr.com/groups/sixwordstory/), [pictures with stories](http://www.flickr.com/groups/stories/), [great quotes about learning & change](http://www.flickr.com/groups/858082@N25/).
* [GoAnimate](http://goanimate.com/) - make easy cartoons and animations.
* [Dipity](http://www.dipity.com/) - creative interactive timelines.
* [Sketchcast](http://sketchcast.com/) - draw and record audio instantly.
* [Bitstrips](http://www.bitstripsforschools.com/) - comic maker.
* [Pixton](http://www.pixton.com/ca/) - another popular cartoon creator.
* [Glogster](http://www.glogster.com/) - create online multimedia posters.
* [Touchcast](http://www.touchcast.com/) - video meets the web, a studio on an ipad
* [Aurasma](http://www.aurasma.com/) - augmented reality in a mobile app.
* [HaikuDeck](https://www.haikudeck.com/) - dead-simple presentation software.
* [Storybird](https://storybird.com/) - Artful storytelling.

**Podcasting Resources**

* [Podcasting on Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcast) - what are podcasts?
* [Top 25 Educational Podcasts on iTunes](http://www.openculture.com/2008/02/the_top_25_educational_podcasts_on_itunes_.html) - list may be outdated but check it out.
* [CBC Podcasts](http://www.cbc.ca/podcasting/) - a few of these are excellent examples of podcasts.

**2. Digital storytelling, technology, and social justice in practice**

***Storytelling to raise awareness and learn about others:***

*Tools:*

* [Mystery Skype to connect with others](https://education.skype.com/mysteryskype)
* [Quadblogging](http://quadblogging.com/)
* [Global read aloud](http://www.globalreadaloud.com/)

*Examples (accessible, easy-to-understand resources - not necessarily student-created):*

*[varying age-appropriateness levels - some may be helpful for teachers to watch but not to show to students]*

* [Cartoon video about privilege](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRiWgx4sHGg)
* [Cartoon that explains privilege](http://www.robot-hugs.com/?attachment_id=894)
* [Privilege: On a plate (Cartoon)](http://thewireless.co.nz/articles/the-pencilsword-on-a-plate)
* [A lesson about privilege](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KlmvmuxzYE)
* [Reverse racism explained](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw_mRaIHb-M)
* [9 Stages of living in a White Privilege bubble](http://www.buzzfeed.com/lorynbrantz/i-understand-that-i-dont-understand#.yu7dPvqk6)
* [Racism and White Guilt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8eUkp0Ak4U)
* [Moving the Race Conversation Forward](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjGQaz1u3V4) (Spoken word piece)
* [Deray McKesson’s Baltimore interview](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyYdKD0af78)
* [Jon Stewart on Ferguson](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_98ojjIZDI)
* [Jon Stewart on Baltimore](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wwy7pWvO3p0)

*Examples (student created or directly student-related):*

* Meagan Dobson’s pre-internship [blog](https://witnessnottourist.wordpress.com/witness-in-the-classroom/) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/witnessinthecr): Making sense of the idea that we are all treaty people
* Mini-documentary video showing American children [talking to kids from around the world in order to learn about their cultures](https://vimeo.com/116915456?ref=tw-share)
* [Student-created blog](https://fnmiwaysofknowing.wordpress.com/) to help others learn about FNMI ways of knowing
* Classroom engaging in [collaborative writing](http://eduslam.me/2013/09/12/collaborative-writing-in-3rd-grade-with-carolyn-skibba/) with students in another country
* [Kids read mean tweets](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f_kavukuKI) to tell stories about cyberbullying
* [I too am Harvard](http://itooamharvard.tumblr.com/): Photo campaign combatting stereotypes about race
* [Video showing what it’s like to have OCD](http://www.buzzfeed.com/chantelhouston/this-video-shows-how-some-people-with-ocd-feel-everyday?utm_term=4ldqpia)
* [Video about being Bipolar](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJHNWOyylJI)
* [Video about ADHD](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bq1iXU1WoTk)
* [Student-created video about discrimination](https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=90&v=Jz4KIDkBn9A)

***Storytelling to make sense of troubling knowledge:***

* Claire Kreuger’s [Treaty Education site](http://mmekreuger.edublogs.org/treaty-ed-projects/)
* Sheena Koops’ [Treaty Walks blog](http://treatywalks.blogspot.ca): A teacher making sense of her settler identity through writing (see specifically, [a crowdsourced list of unsettling things](http://treatywalks.blogspot.ca/2015/02/over-150-unsettling-things-unwieldy-and.html)
* Ryan McKillop’s [Grade 8 class speaking about white privilege](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTkSUPm8BW8)
* [We are all Treaty people video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HbAr5PC4pY)

***Storytelling to give voice to other perspectives or marginalized groups:***

* [La Loche students’ video about FNMI stereotypes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCAUW1LYTeQ)
* [Student-created documentary about water in their community](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNcskft6Njc)
* [Article about a class participating in hashtag activism](http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/09/skills-and-strategies-engaging-in-causes-via-hashtag-activism)
* [I Am For Peace Student Documentary](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/pcs4peace/a-student-documentary-for-change) (Link to the Kickstarter site)
* [US students tweeting about inequity in student lunches their lunches:](http://www.mrctv.org/blog/students-use-boycotts-hashtag-activism-avoid-stomach-turning-lets-move-lunches) “These students are following the President's advice: when you don’t have any power, the best thing you can do is “[tweet at ‘em.”](http://cnsnews.com/mrctv-blog/barbara-boland/obama-do-not-get-discouragedtweet-em-raise-minimum-wage-use-hashtag)

**3. Other social justice resources:**

* [Youth activists’ toolkit](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/publications-a-z/2229-youth-activists-toolkit)
* [PBS website for discussing race](http://www.pbs.org/race/002_SortingPeople/002_00-home.htm)
* [STARS Regina - Pre-service teacher site](http://starsregina.ca/) (Resources linked in top right corner)