

WHAT'S YOUR STORY? WORKSHEET

To fill out this worksheet, answer the questions imagining you're telling a story to a neighbor. They don't know all the background or why your point is important. But you share some of the same values, like fairness and opportunity. Be as specific as possible, use complete sentences that connect each answer to the one before, and, whenever you can, use words that carry your message and values. Use language to paint a picture of the problem and solution. Note that in this exercise you'll be making up quotes, but that in real life you should always get quotes directly from sources.

GUIDELINES	Write Your Story Here
1) Start with your hook (state what's new, different, important about your story) and set your scene (where is this story taking place? when?) USE LANGUAGE THAT PAINTS A PICTURE!	
2) State the political conflict or the problem, supported by facts or statistics—this is a good place to name the bad guys. Remember, the villains should never be just individuals, they should represent an institution responsible for the problem.	
3) Follow up the problem with your solution. State what institutional or policy change must happen—this is a good place to introduce the heroes who are taking on the villains.	

4) Include a quote that expresses values to talk about what's at stake, and why the action is urgent and important. 5) Write some history of the conflict for context. 6) Make up a quote that you imagine the villain would say to advance their position. 7) Restate the solution in response to the villains, and write about what's next for the heroes in response to these challenges. 8) Conclude with a quote from the heroes that restates what's at stake and tells people how they can get involved.	

