

# Everybody Comes From Somewhere

## 10 Tips for Collecting Family Stories

Telling family stories connects us to the past, bonds us in the present, and guides us in the future. So gather around those kitchen tables, sit upon the stoops, and pass the stories on.

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1. Spend quality time with Elders.
2. Listen and observe.
3. Take vacations to birth places.
4. Take staycations to birthplaces through internet exploration and social media.
5. Have a Polaroid to Digital Timeline Party
6. Cook a meal as an intergenerational activity, share recipe stories.
7. Tell stories of favorite childhood places.
8. Ask elders to share a childhood game.
9. During the holidays create a family circle to exchange the gift of story.
10. Ask who played 78's, 45's, LP's, 8-tacks and cassettes. Sing and tell stories about listening and singing the songs when they first hit the airways.

## Resources

Reese,, [What Kids Learn from Hearing Family Stories](#)

Luckabough, Kimberly Crosen [Capturing Your Family Stories](#)

Moore, Robin [Creating A family Storytelling Tradition](#)

Colorin, Colordo [Family Stories](#)

ProTeacher. [Family Unit](#) org

## Anchor Standards CCS ELA

CCRA.SL 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

CCRA.R 2, 3, 4, 7, 9

CCRA.W 7, 8, 10



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