

# “Telling Our Tales” 2023 Ideas for Student Consideration

Use at least one of the prompts listed here to guide your own short story.

1. Talk about a time you thought you knew more about an area (or any topic) than someone else. Did you argue? Was the other person convinced? What was the disagreement about?
2. Think about how you would give directions to a tourist in your area. What sights should they try to see? What areas should they avoid?
3. Have you ever met someone who was fascinated by something you found dull? Talk about your interaction with each other.
4. Thomas Wolfe writes his story in “Brooklynese,” or a dialect of English specific to Brooklyn in New York City. Write about what it would be like to meet yourself from the point of view of a celebrity or other person with a different accent than you. How do you think your accent sounds to that person? How would they write your dialect?
5. Talk about a person you only met once and your time together. What made the experience memorable? Do you still think of that person or ever find out what happened to them later?
6. What is a person, place, or thing that you deal with every day, but no one (not even you) could ever completely understand?