

The Art of Storytelling in the Home

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Quotes and Scriptures:

“As a man thinketh *in his heart*, so is he.” -Proverbs 23:7

“If literature is to regain its sway over the heart and its ministry in life, there must be a greater return to the oral and auditory basis of appeal . . . Because our culture is increasingly eye-minded, it is necessarily less emotionalized and less vital, less joyous and spontaneous.”

-Percival Chubb, 1914

“Permeate the whole with a love of the story, a love of the child to whom it is to be given and gratitude that to you has come the opportunity to carry the great gift—and the result will be ‘Please tell us another.’ You have been an artist and a teacher.”

-Margaret Eggleston, 1920

She would begin with a glow in her eyes
and tell me their story.
All of their tales she knew, by the hundreds
and hundreds she knew them,
Tales of the beings divine . . .
Mark! what I as a child picked up,
the old man still plays with.
Pictures of heroes in sound that lasts,
when spoken, forever,
Images fair of the world and marvelous
legends aforesaid,
All of them living in me as they fell
from the lips of my mother.

-Denton T. Snyder

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people together to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.”

-Antoine de St. Exupery

Outline for the Class:

IV. Finding Age-Appropriate Stories

I. The Power of Stories

II. Reading vs. Telling Stories ‘by Heart’

V. Is It Worth It?

III. The ‘Art’ of Telling Stories:

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Resources:

Internet Archives

librariesofhope.org–free downloadable stories for practice

The Baldwin Project–story page

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