

# "Why Use Storytelling in Education?"

- \* **No Book Between the Teller and the Audience**  
Awareness of audience reactions and more intimate
- \* **More Spontaneity and Feeling**  
Storyteller can add own personality
- \* **Bait to Reading Books**  
Encourage students to read NEW materials
- \* **Listening to Stories Improves Comprehension**  
Help formulate mental images while reading
- \* **Hear Words and Recognize them in Print**  
Storytelling helps fight WORD POVERTY
- \* **Accustom Young Ears to the Tune and Cadence of Language**  
Hearing language patterns helps students with reading, writing and speaking
- \* **Hear Literature Students May Otherwise Miss**  
Encourages students to read in varied genres
- \* **Improving Student Writing**  
Reading more improves writing. Writing more improves reading
- \* **Direct Instruction in Reading and Language Arts**  
Sequence – Cause and Effect – Predicting – Evaluating – Role Play
- \* **A Tool for Content Area Instruction**  
Anticipatory Set – Semantic Mapping – Vocabulary – Comprehension

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Visit <http://www.mikelockett.com> and  
look for a handout by Kendall Haven.  
He has created a very comprehensive list  
of research that supports the use of  
storytelling in classrooms.

## "How else can Storytelling help learners"

- \* **Helps the human mind recall information, relate it to new learning and remember it over time**
- \* **Introduces effective patterns of language**
- \* **Develops awareness of how words affect an audience**
- \* **Supports and reinforces concepts taught across the curricula**
- \* **Helps reinforce speaking and listening skills (valued by future employers)**
- \* **Allows Teller and Listeners to gain self-joy and increase self-esteem**
- \* **Encourages a sense of joy, satisfaction, and inner peace**
- \* **Fosters development of self-confidence, pride, poise, and self-esteem**
- \* **Provides a way to purge or release burdens and validate personal experiences.**
- \* **Develops and strengthens visualization skills**
- \* **Creates a sense of community with others.**
- \* **Helps students master logic, persuasion and other forms of information delivery**
- \* **Helps people see their lives more clearly and inspire others.**
- \* **Provides an opportunity for others to better understand them.**
- \* **Gives old and young alike the opportunity to learn about one another and develop mutual respect through dialog**
- \* **Gives individuals insight into human behavior and motives**
- \* **Helps individuals come to a better understanding of one's past and present, which may help in identifying their goals for the future.**
- \* **Shows the relationship between the written word and spoken word**
- \* **Creates a link between reading skills and writing skills**
- \* **Reinforces and enhances both writing and reading skills**
- \* **Provides an opportunity for students from all reading levels to succeed**
- \* **Enhances development of higher thinking and analytical skills**
- \* **Enhances children's development of language and logical skills.**
- \* **Promotes an appreciation for the talents of others**
- \* **Keeps alive the beliefs and culture of a people**
- \* **Gives people insight into each others' feelings**