

Telling Our Stories in Pictures and Words: Foster Critical Empathy Within Your School Community

Learn about a compelling, culturally responsive writing project in which students—multilingual learners and/or native English speakers—create and share their family immigration stories in pictures and words using collage made from hand-painted papers.



During this hourlong virtual presentation, project creator Beth Olshansky will provide a lively overview of the project, including video clips of students sharing excerpts from their finished stories and reflecting on their experiences. A short interactive activity will demonstrate the power of this pictures-first approach to develop oral language and create compelling writing. Then witness the dynamic relationship between pictures and words as you experience the power of strong verbs and sensory description to bring readers “into the picture.”

This project, appropriate for students grades 3-12, will result in each student creating a treasured family keepsake while fostering critical empathy within your school community.

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Email Beth.Olshansky@comcast.net by Jan. 7th to receive Zoom link.

[Watch brief video clip.](#)