

From Story to Glory:  
*Creative Connections that  
Foster School-wide Success!*



My love of  
stories began  
early in my life!



Many of our  
scholars enter our  
buildings or  
classrooms and  
appear to be:

Bored

Disinterested

Disengaged

Disrespectful

Disruptive

*“Determined to make  
me go on Indeed as  
soon as I clock out!”*



Many of our administrators, teachers, and support staff often go home from school feeling:

Depleted

Defeated

Desperate

Unsuccessful

Unsupported

*“That they need to go on Indeed as soon as they clock out!”*

Administrators,  
teachers, support  
staff, and scholars  
often have the  
some of the exact  
same needs:

Attention  
Awareness  
Aspiration  
Appreciation  
Admiration

*“A place to flourish  
and be fulfilled!”*

Our scholars  
will often  
resist  
direction  
that's  
independent  
of  
connection!

Storytelling is a  
powerful skill  
that fosters  
relationship  
connections by  
building mutual  
trust between  
speaker and  
listener.

Our scholars  
know their  
story and can  
tell their  
story if  
provided an  
opportunity!



# Active Listening is...

- ❖ a behavioral intervention.
- ❖ a skillful means of gaining insight and understanding of our scholars.
- ❖ provides scholars with an audience and a space where they can be vulnerable in telling their story.



# The Power of Storytelling...

- ❖ frees scholars to release their voice in a safe space.
- ❖ gives educators the needed information to connect with and to inspire their scholars.
- ❖ invites and encourages Ubuntu, and instills hope.

# The Power of Storytelling...

- ❖ calls out to those hiding in the back, in the dark!
- ❖ speaks to the ones who've been, ignored, looked over, pushed over, and stepped over!
- ❖ arouses and awakens suppressed confidence, and...



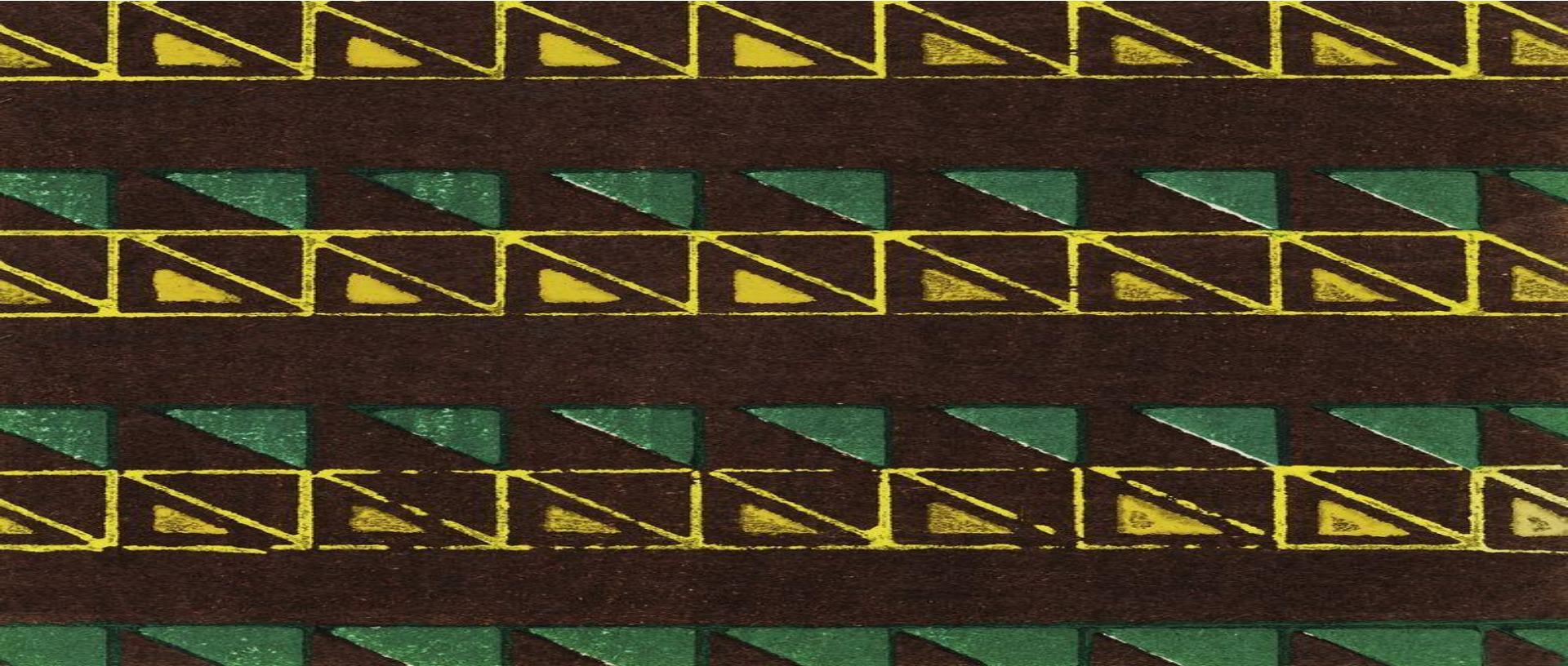
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# The Power of Storytelling...

- ❖ Reminds us that our experiences do not give us our identity
- ❖ Welcomes the powerless and reminds them that where there is hope, love, joy, and relationship-inspired work ethic; there's safety and there's home!



*Conclusion: How Storytelling Saved My Life  
Three Times Before I Was Twelve Years Old!*



Thank you!

