



Shared Stories

Fall 2011, 9/25/11 – 12/11/11; SUN. at 10:30am-1:30pm
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Syllabus

“What We’ve Done”

Week 1 9/25 Introduction: Welcome to Shared Stories!

- Pre-survey; Name game; M&M game; “Where the Wind Blows...”; ground rules
- Discussion: Why did you come to the US? Do you think immigrant stories are important to share? Why?

Week 2 10/2 Discussion on “Belonging”

- Rock, Paper, Scissors Championship; Census 2010/Statistics Presentation; Discussion on Show and Tell (One item or picture of a person, place or thing that you think is American)
- "Belonging" Discussion: When did you feel you belonged in America? What makes people feel American?
- Developmental Timeline: Students were asked to write on index cards how they felt when they came to the US (past), how they currently feel having lived in the US for a few years (present) and how they think they will feel four to five years from now (future). Then we made a timeline and the students chose one word that represent each stage and told the group why they chose that word.

Week 3 10/16 Guest Speaker: Eddie Ahn

- Talked about community, organizing and education. He asked the mentors and students to come up with one adjective or noun that we would use to describe a community. Some words were: unity, cooperate, sharing, togetherness, group, society, proximity, respect and neighborhood. He spoke briefly about his background and past work experiences, current advocacy work in San Francisco, CA and his comic.

Week 4 10/23 Presentation and Blogging Workshop

- Mafia; Crime Scene game; “Chocolate River/Lava Pit” Team-building activity
- Presentation workshop with sample presentation and how to make outline
- Blogging Workshop with sample, rules to blogging and required format

Week 5 10/30 Presentation/Blog Postings Due

Week 6 11/6 Guest Speaker: Carol Huang

- Carol's workshop focused on the *Past, Present and Future of Manhattan's Chinatown*. During this session, Carol gave us an introduction of her background and what she is currently working on.
- The first activity she had the group do was write at least ten words that we would use to describe or remind us of Chinatown.
- The second "quick-write" we did was use the ten words to write at least ten sentences that gave more explanation of why we chose the words related to Chinatown.
- The final activity we did was use the sentences to write a blog post about our personal identifications with Chinatown.
- Carol gave each person her "Chinatown Tour Book" which she has used when giving tours of Chinatown.

Week 7 11/20 Walking Tour of Manhattan's Chinatown

- History of these locations: East Broadway, Confucius Plaza, Chatham Square, Columbus Park, Former Garment Factories, Mott Street, Doyer Street, Tasty Hand-Pulled Noodles

**Week 8 12/4 Presentations and Blog Posting Due
Speaker: Mae Lee on past CPA advocacy work**

Week 9 12/11 Last Session: Guest Speaker: Dan Huang

- Dispute resolutions when faced with racism
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Blog/Website Information:

Blog: <http://sharedstories.weebly.com/index.html>

Rules to blogging:

No profanities what so ever! Do not use any bad words. This blog is a positive and encouraging space, we will not accept any posts that use profanities.

Write how you speak. However, try your best to keep it grammatically correct. We want the blog to sound like you are speaking to an audience. You can keep the tone to your writing relaxing and not so "rigid" in format.

We encourage opinions. We want to know your opinions so write whatever you feel is on your mind.

Don't write anything hurtful or distasteful. We encourage challenging opinions but do it in a respectful way. If you are unsure, ask your mentors.

Spell check! Check your spelling.

Personality counts. This is your time to show who you are!