



## Eureka! I have an idea!

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*Stories, stories everywhere – but – where do they come from?*

- In the beginning...
  - What's a story you remember – any story?
- Why create a story in the first place?
  - Situations that need stories?
  - People that need stories?
- Where do ideas come from?
- Using your idea
  - Build a story – character, conflict, resolution
  - Pick a lane!
- Are there any bad story ideas?
- What if the lightbulb is there, but it's not turned on?
  - Personal Narrative Prompts
    - Sibling rivalry and friendship: teasing/playing tricks, room sharing.
    - Did you or someone in your family get a haircut that just didn't work out?
    - Tell about a time you got in trouble at school or at home.
    - Tell about a favorite item you've kept with you for many years.
    - Did you ever break a bone, get stitches, ride in an ambulance...tell your "scarry story."

### Storytelling Events Coming Up:

**San Antonio Storyteller's Story Night: Hybrid gathering:** We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm – 7:45pm. It's both online via Zoom and in, Come as a story listener or storyteller. We are friendly, kind, and have all been beginners. We welcome you! Visit the San Antonio Storytellers' Association website: [www.sanantoniostorytellers.com](http://www.sanantoniostorytellers.com). We are also on Facebook – type in "San Antonio Storytellers."

**Texas Storytelling Festival in Denton, TX** <https://tejasstorytelling.com>

**"So, What's Your Story"** – the only program originating in Houston devoted to storytelling, and it's found only on Houston's Community Station, KPFT. Tune your radio or computer or tablet or phone to 90.1 "So, What's Your Story?" every Wednesday night at 6 pm. <https://kpft.org/listen-live-hd1/>