

# What's My Story? A Book About ME

The topics used in this activity and the related questions can be modified to suit the abilities of your students. The simple topics on the template are often useful prompts for ESL students who are developing vocabulary and comfort with speaking. (For ABE/GED students, this activity serves as a platform to increase self-esteem.) The completed template can be printed out in the handout mode of [PowerPoint](#) and glued into a book to create a keepsake.

**Objectives:** By the completion of this activity, students will:

- Create book about themselves, their families, and the things that are important to them
- Develop writing and organizational skills
- Reflect on who they are, what's important to them, and how they fit into a community
- Validate and reinforce the importance of their culture

**Materials Needed:**

- paper lunch bags
- hole puncher
- ribbon
- construction paper
- glue or tape
- scissors
- stickers and/or glitter
- stapler
- markers or crayons
- patterned paper
- magazines
- Optional: pictures of the student and family members



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**Session Length:** 30 minutes

**Procedure:**

- Hole punch the paper bags
- Tie ribbon in the holes
- Cut construction paper to fit the pages (or you can use the paper bag as the background)
- Cut pictures and appropriate words out of the magazines
- Adhere pictures to the book
- Add captions or journaling to finish.
- Embellish with stickers, glitter, ribbon, or patterned paper
- Students will then share their books with the class.