

YOUNG WRITERS GROUP DIVES INTO THE ARCHIVES

December 10th, 2021 Whose Voice Writes History



Whose Voice Writes History – Writing Prompt

Our history is often much more than we have been taught.

This week's Young Writers Group we dove into the archives and heard about Eva Mosely (1918-2009). She lived in Powell River and was a volunteer at the Hospital ECU and owner of Quality Printers.

We learned about Eva through someone else's speech about her? John Carlson, who wrote a biography about Eva. But what might Eva have said about herself?

This week we consider how we'd write our own stories about ourselves! Sharing about ourselves also allows us to share our experiences, and show how we see and experience the world. This can be called an autobiography. How do we share who we are, our stories, and our histories?

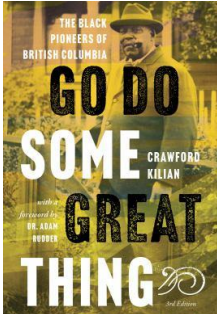
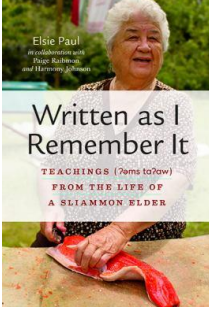
Sharing your Story

The act of revisiting the past, reflecting on your experiences and your memory can be impactful, consider any or all of the prompts below to inspire your autobiography:

- Think about the milestones in your life. Explore the ways that these major events have shaped your life. Have they changed your perspectives? If so, how? If not, why?
- Remember some times in your life where things did not happen as expected, or you would have liked to happen differently? What do you think and feel when you remember these times?
- Think about the way you define yourself. Think not just of your physical appearance, but the aspects of your personality. When you try to define yourself, what comes to mind? Your family? Your friends? How have these people and things influenced who you are today? What, if anything, do they tell you about yourself?

For more information about writing, autobiography and history see the next the booklist on the next page.

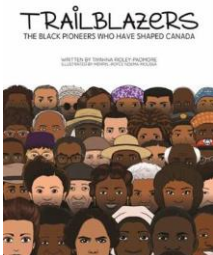
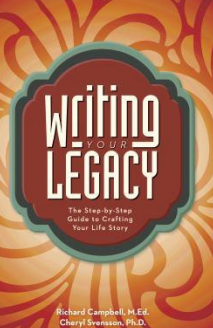
Here is a booklist with more examples about writing and history, biography and autobiography:

 The book cover for 'Go Do Some Great Thing' by Kilian Crawford. It features a man in a hat and a yellow shirt, with the title in large, bold letters. The subtitle is 'THE BLACK PIONEERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'.	<p>Title: Go do some great thing : the Black pioneers of British Columbia Author: Kilian, Crawford, Preferred Shelf Number: 971.1 KIL</p>	 The book cover for 'Written as I Remember It' by Elsie Paul. It features a photograph of an elderly woman, Elsie Paul, with the title in large, bold letters. The subtitle is 'TEACHINGS (7 years follow) FROM THE LIFE OF A SIAMMON ELDER'.	<p>Title: Written as I remember it : teachings from the life of a Siammon elder Author: Paul, Elsie, 1931- Preferred Shelf Number: 971.131 PAU</p>
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 <p>TRAILBLAZERS THE BLACK PIONEERS WHO HAVE SHAPED CANADA WRITTEN BY TISHANA RIDLEY-PADMORE ILLUSTRATED BY TISHANA RIDLEY-PADMORE</p>	<p>Title: Trailblazers : the Black pioneers who have shaped Canada Author: Ridley-Padmore, Tiyahna. Preferred Shelf Number: J 920 RID</p>
 <p>Writing YOUR LEGACY The Step-by-Step Guide to Crafting Your Life Story Richard Campbell, M.Ed. Cheryl Svensson, Ph.D.</p>	<p>Title: This place : 150 years retold Author: Akiwenzie-Damm, Kateri Preferred Shelf Number: TEEN GRAPHIC THI</p> <p>Title: Growing pains : the autobiography of Emily Carr Author: Carr, Emily, 1871-1945. Preferred Shelf Number: LOC 921 CAR</p>