



## Generic Lesson Plan Helps

The following is a general outline well tested by experienced teachers, professional storytellers and storytelling coaches that you can use as a guide as you prepare your lessons.

- 1) Open by sharing a 3 to 5 minute story that helps introduce the concept you'll be teaching in your lesson.
- 2) Present the concept.
- 3) Follow your presentation with group questions and discussions.
- 4) Have class members practice what was presented.
- 5) Reinforce the concept with a review.
- 6) It is always good to have 1 to 2 class members present their stories in front of the group.

Hints:

- Students often respond well to storytelling activities and games that illustrate the concept.
- Be prepared with resources: It's always good to point the group to a few resources to help expand what they're learning.
- When a class member presents a story ask them if they would like feedback. If they say yes, always be positive about their story.  
Here's a good model for a positive critique:
  - 1- Open with appreciations.
  - 2- Follow with "I might have done differently..."
  - 3- Give no more than two suggestions.
- Remember that any coaching that you give are suggestions. The storyteller is the artist, it is their story. As a coach you are to lift and guide the tellers.

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