# Story Prompts: Spring 2026
**Submissions accepted March 1 - April 1**

## How to Produce and Submit Your New Story

- ☐ **Choose** a prompt.
- ☐ **Plan** your story using the [Story Submission Checklist](#) and [Story Blocks Organizer](#).
- ☐ **Record interviews** (audio or video) and **take photos** of your interviewees.
- ☐ **Encourage** each person to speak for a few minutes about their thoughts.
- ☐ **Write** your story using the [Story Submission Checklist](#) and [Story Blocks Organizer](#).
- ☐ **Submit** your final story package via the [Story Submission Form](#).

📌 **Prompt 1: *What Did You Learn? A Spotlight on Seniors***

**Story Focus:** What skills and lessons will seniors carry into life after graduation?

- ☐ **Research:** Look for news stories about college, career prep, or what helps graduates feel ready for adulthood.
- ☐ **Interview:** *at least THREE seniors.* Ask:
  - ○ What is the most important skill you learned *this school year*?
  - ○ Do you feel prepared for what comes next?
  - ○ What advice would you give to younger students or to your younger self?

📌 **Prompt 2: *Beyond Scrolling – Students on Goal-Setting and Achievement***

**Story Focus:** How do students manage digital distractions to achieve their goals?

- ☐ **Research:** Read about student trends in goal setting—academic, financial, health and wellness, creative, personal achievement, community service, etc.
- ☐ **Interview:** *at least THREE students.* Ask:
  - ○ What is one goal you haven't reached yet this year? Why?
  - ○ How do you plan to achieve this goal?
  - ○ Will it benefit you and/or your community?
  - ○ How will you adjust your time or screen use to make it happen?

**Prompt 3: *Open Choice***

**Story Focus:** Report on a student perspective about a current issue or topic that matters to your school community (e.g., cell phone use, dress code, school safety).

- ☐ **Research:** What is the background or history of this issue at your school?
- ☐ **Interview:** *at least THREE students.* Ask:
  - ○ What is your opinion on the issue?
  - ○ What changes or solutions would you like to see?