

Story Prompts: Winter 2026

Submissions accepted November 15 - February 1

How to Produce and Submit Your New Story
□ Choose a prompt.
 □ Plan your story using the <u>Story Submission Checklist</u> and <u>Story Blocks Organizer</u>. □ 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 <u>Story Submission Checklist</u> and <u>Story Blocks Organizer</u>. □ Submit your final story package via the <u>Story Submission Form</u>.
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★ Prompt 1: A School for Everyone – Problem Solving in Your Community
Story Focus: What's not working at your school—and what's the solution?
 ☐ Research: Review past school papers or student council work for fresh angles. ☐ Interview: <u>at least THREE students.</u> Ask:
O What is the biggest problem at school right now?
O Why does it matter to students?
What ideas do you have to solve it?
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★ Prompt 2: A Life-Changing Moment – Student Spotlight
Story Focus: Share a fellow student's achievement or transformational experience.
☐ Research: Think about what made this moment possible—preparation, support
or even luck. Look for school announcements, awards, or news coverage.
☐ Interview: at least ONE student. Ask:
What happened and why is it important to you?
O How has the experience changed you?
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: <u>at least THREE students.</u> Ask:
 What is your opinion on the issue?

o What changes or solutions would you like to see?