

HOW TO WRITE YOUR STORY LIKE A TRUE REPORTER

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What type of story are you writing - features or news?

- Full life story book
- Series of vignettes
- Short snippets
- A video
- A four-page life story

Inverted Pyramid

- The Lead - Five W's and an H - at the top.
- The body - details
- The tail - extra info, not essential, but interesting.
- Writing Prompt

Sources

- Two to three sources are vital.
- Oral History
- Diaries, Journals, Personal Histories
- Newspapers, census records, details
- Photos

Gather What you Have

- Create a Timeline.
- Create an Outline.
- Consistently write - play with your story. What feels comfortable to you?
- Talk about sources; research - interviews, research on major players, photos, going back in time.

Example

- Mike Vause - newspaper article
- Moving from small writing to bigger writing.
- Creating a memoir.
- Cleaning up your story.

WHAT'S THE HISTORY IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

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Examples:

- [What's the History in Your Family History](#)
- [FamilySearch timeline and maps](#)
- [The Story of the Sensational Shooting](#)
- [Help! My Story is Stuck. Why writng a Memoir is Possible](#)

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Slides & tool kit (free):



<https://evalogue.life/reporter>