

G.E.N. Education designs this Creative Storytelling Bootcamp for **9th - 11th graders**. Storytelling is a critical skill for the 21st century. Whether students are telling their story to share a new idea or perspective, to apply for school, or to get a job, it is essentially that they create a cohesive narrative landscape that captures the attention of their audience. This Creative Storytelling Bootcamp focuses on developing students' speaking skills and oral storytelling skills. Students will explore plot, narrative, and selection of detail as they brainstorm ideas. Students will also work on their public speaking and oral delivery skills as they focus on speaking strategies, body language, and tone.

Our instructor, Ms. Ashley, a graduate of the University of Chicago in English Language and Literature. Ashley has spent her professional career educating students on storytelling, writing, and effective communication. After working in Hong Kong as an admissions consultant with results to top universities and colleges, Ashley moved to the prestigious Schwarzman College to direct the inaugural Writing Center Manager and developed academic and professional writing programs. Ashley currently designs English writing and literature programs for a highly selective private K-12 school. Ashley is a Fulbright Research Finalist and UChicago Student Marshal.

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Meeting Times: Mon to Thu at 7pm or 9am for 2 weeks; 1.5 hrs per class;
Program 1: June 21 - July 2; **Program:** July 5 - July 15

At the end of the course, students will have:

- Control their body language and tone when speaking publicly
- Brainstorm and plan a compelling narrative
- Present an oral story confidently and fluidly

Class overview

Session 1: What is Storytelling? – Plot, Characters, and Message "The Moth"
Podcast

Session 2: Finding a Story

Session 3: Narrative Devices: Action and Reflection

Session 4: Speaking Up for Yourself: Introduction to Spoken Stories

Session 5: Selection of Detail and Fine Tuning

Session 6: Speak Up for Yourself: Delivery, Tone, and Body Language

Session 7: Getting to the Heart of It

Session 8: Speak Up for Yourself: Our Stories

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