

*Educators seek to support students in their understanding of the world around them. Storyteller [Liza Newell](#) brings educators carefully curated creativity that opens pathways for our lived experiences to intersect with knowledge acquisition.*

The following discussion prompts are built upon Liza's work and offered here in support of classroom instruction that incorporates story into teaching and learning.

Following the sharing of a story, invite your students to explore these questions as thought prompts, think-pair-share conversations, and whole class discussions.

- What did you notice?
- Where did you see yourself in the story?
- What made you curious?
- What surprised you?
- What did you learn?
- Can you describe any special moments from the story?
- What does the story remind you about from your own life?

In each case, these open-ended questions invite students to engage in deeper reflection about the story they have experienced. The questions and the resultant thinking will lead students to strengthen the takeaways from the lesson by creating personal connections.

As appropriate, instructional teams may wish to explore professional learning opportunities that provide skill development and collective strategy for working effectively with students.