

A Picture is Worth 1000 Words

This activity helps participants create new stories using pictures and images. Feel free to get creative as you stretch your imagination!

Materials:

- A collection of 3-5 images (*these can be famous pictures downloaded from the internet, pictures from storybooks, personal photographs or any other images you can find. Try to find a variety of subjects- one photo might be of groups of people or a person, one might be of landscapes, one might be abstract, or of animals, or drawings that the participants themselves have done*)
- A notebook or paper for each participant
- Pencils or pens for each participant
- Chart paper (optional)

Directions:

1. On the chart paper provide the following story prompts:

The Pixar Pitch:

once upon a time....

Every day...

one day...

Because of that...

Because of that...

Until Finally...



2. Select one of the images and put it in a space that all participants can see.
3. Tell participants that they will each write a quick story based on the image. Encourage them to come up with characters, a conflict, a theme, and a plot based on what they see in the picture. They can use the “Pixar Pitch” to lay out the story by completing each sentence using the ideas they imagine after looking at the image.
4. Allow 5-10 minutes for each participant to write down a story.
5. Allow each participant to share the story they created based on the image.
6. Repeat the process for each of the images.

Tips:

- Create a positive environment to encourage participants to share their stories. You may want to provide a reader’s chair or stage area for participants to share their stories. After each participant shares their story, encourage others to clap, snap, or throw shooting stars their way!