

Self-Work: My School Stories

The list of family stories questions are story prompts from *The Healing Power of Stories* by Daniel Taylor. Read through one by one and give each one enough time to allow the stories to arise. Some may have been long forgotten; others will be seen as stories for the first time. Some prompts may not prompt anything!

After you read through the prompts, pick two of school stories emerging from your reflection that you would like to tell someone. In your journal, do the journal activities listed here for each of the two stories you picked.

Journal Activities

1. Indicate which prompt inspired the story.
2. Record your story in whatever way will help you recall it.
3. Tell the story to a friend or family member, then in your journal note what happened next. What was your audience (of one) response? For example...
 - a. Did your telling prompt her/him to recall a school story of their own?
 - b. Were you asked any questions about your story?
 - c. Did it remind your hearer of something else (not necessarily having to do with school)?
4. If you tell your second school story, ask which one they liked best and why. Record this.

Story Evaluation Questions

Evaluate each story for its life- and character-shaping effects:

- What lessons or morals are taught?
- What values are implied?
- What is being celebrated or warned against?
- What view of the world comes through?
- What effect has it had on you?
- How has it shaped you as a character?