**Searching for A Story.**

We are all living historians of our own lives, and technology allows us to document the most insignificant and transient or moments or pivotal watershed moments. If your life were a timeline, briefly describe three events: something profound that happened to you I the past, something happening now, and something you want to happen in the future.

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**PAST PRESENT FUTURE**

Now, let’s take a look at a sample reflection piece and track the arc of the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEaFHPvuE6Y>

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| What did the speaker do/say to make the story sound spontaneous? |
| How did the speaker lead in to his story? |
| What was the “meat” of the speech? |
| What did the speaker say that humanized him? That made you relate to him? |
| What regrets did the speaker have? |
| What is the lesson the speaker wants to impart to the viewer? |
| How did the speaker end his piece? |

What’s the difference beween a story and a speech? Is there a difference?

Now, choose 2 written stories from the StoryCorps website. There’s a link on my homepage. Write a plot diagram for each of the two pieces and then write responses to the follow questions:

1. What is the tone of the piece?
2. What is the lesson of the piece?
3. If you could speak to the author, what follow-up questions would you ask?