



# Digital Storytelling Instructions & Guidelines

## The American's Creed

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

–William Tyler Page, 1917

(<http://www.usflag.org/american.creed.html>)

## STORY TOPIC | YOUR AMERICAN IDEALS & VALUES

Identify a positive role model (peer and/or leader) who is willing to answer the first question along with one additional question below. (Recommended: have them write their responses before interview)

### 1. What does it mean to you to be an American or live in America?

- Pick your top two core values. How do you live them out? (Google core values, if needed)
- What is one type of conflict you see or experience that upsets you; what is your solution?
- What ideals do Americans share in common? (ideal: a standard of perfection; a principle to be aimed at)
- What is your vision for America's future and one action that would move it closer to that vision?

## VIDEO FORMAT | 3 MINUTES

- Video must be no longer than 3 minutes.
- Avoid using copyrighted music.
- You can include drawings, photographs and relevant footage.
- Filming your video can be done with a video camera, digital camera and/or a camera phone.

Note: Camera phones must be recorded holding horizontally or landscape. (see photo above)

## SUBMISSION | YOUTUBE

One YouTube video entry allowed per person or group.

1. Verify that your video meets the guidelines outlined above.
2. Upload video to your own YouTube channel and title it as follows:  
American Creed WSRE | + Program Name | + by Your Name  
(for example: American Creed WSRE | Living in My America | by Jane Doe)
3. Add #AmericanCreedWSRE in the video description.
4. Make your YouTube video 'public'.
5. E-mail [wsre@wsre.org](mailto:wsre@wsre.org) with details: your video URL/link, name, city, school and phone number.

## PRIZE | RECOGNITION + WSRE SWAG

- Top 10 videos selected will be compiled and shown on the big screen at one of WSRE's public events, and awarded WSRE swag.

## DEADLINE | MARCH 1, 2018

Videos submitted through March 1, 2018 and selected by WSRE staff will be added to a playlist on [WSRE's YouTube Channel](#) with a possibility of being shared on WSRE's social media and also made viewable at [wsre.org/AmericanCreed](http://wsre.org/AmericanCreed).

This opportunity is open to the public as a way of engaging our local communities in a national discussion about a unifying American Creed, inspired by the documentary film, *American Creed*.