What Is My Story? Guidelines for Critiquing Stories

Listen carefully to the student's story. As you listen, make notes so that you will be able to give positive and helpful suggestions to the storyteller. Use the following criteria:

- What worked best? What aspect of the story influenced you the most?
- Were the challenge, choice, and outcome clear?
- Did the storyteller use emotion and action words to give the story a sense of purpose? Make a note of some of the most effective words.
- What could have made the story stronger?
- What values were revealed in the storyteller's decision?
- What did you want to know more about?

