

What is Storytelling?

Storytelling is the universe, past, present and future, as seen through our stories. Back through time, at the beginning of everything, our growls, grunts and charcoal scratches became sagas and epic tales of exploring, hunting, wonderful events, and places unknown. Tales of war, and danger; of peace and joy; of wonder and magic formed our identities as communities. Storytelling today links us intimately with our earliest traditions of teaching, learning and especially entertainment.

Power in Storytelling Today

In today's high tech world of entertainment, computers, video games, the passion and intimacy of a storyteller can easily overwhelm the value of a DVD or MP3. Children and young adults are inspired, and their creativity is fired.

Families bond as they share a common activity. Communities blossom as ideas and laughter are shared. Stories of hope and inspiration, laughter and tears continue and preserve the traditions of our past.

Students often share their stories with Ben; they have written stories, songs, poems, created artwork, read a book and remember the stories long after he has gone. Teachers have wondered aloud at a class's rapt attention and at the secret behind the spell.



Who is Benjamin Bright?

Born in southern England with a Welsh background, he is a natural storyteller. After living in the middle of a forest, surrounded by history and tradition until he was 10, he moved to Canada with his parents. They spent the next year traveling across the continent discovering their new country. As an Engineer/Manager he traveled and worked across most of the northern US, an Author and Entrepreneur he is also an amateur science buff, conservationist and competitive soccer coach.

Ben now uses his stories to motivate and inspire others, especially children and youth, to be the best they can in everything that they do, promoting literacy and staying in school as the best way to achieve their dreams.

He is currently a member of the St Marys Storytelling Festival, "Once Upon A Thames" and a volunteer for JA.

How Does He Do It?

The passion, facial expressions and sound effects that Ben produces always draws his audience into the story. The character's in the stories become believable personalities that the audience relates to and cares about. Subtle lessons and messages are woven into stories that move people to laughter and tears.



What Are the Benefits of Storytelling?

Too many to list but these are some great ones:

- Promotes reading and writing
- Provides Inspiration
- Builds Creativity
- Builds Community
- Teaches Life Lessons
- Builds Self Confidence
- Cathartic
- Facilitates Communication and Healing
- BUT MOSTLY IT'S FUN

What does Benjamin Do?

- Private events
- Fund raiser's
- Conference Speaker
- Panel Participant
- Schools (separate classes and group)
- Workshops (storytelling and creative writing)
- Residency programs
- Festivals



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“Ben’s storytelling comes from his own deeply felt experience and/or from his ever-creative imagination. It evokes laughter, tears, and sometimes a sense of awe or wonder.”

Nancy Vermond
President,
St. Marys Storytelling, Inc.

“Ben is friendly, sincere and has a positive rapport with students and the adults involved.”

Christine Thrasher
Gr. 7 Teacher,
Arthur Meighen Public School



What are the Rates?

Special Rates for Schools
All rates are listed on website.

Fees can be negotiated depending
on your requirements.

PLUS travel and expenses
if farther than 100km.

No taping or recording is allowed unless
negotiated prior to performance.

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