

# The Big Question

## School-to-Home Connection

Unit 6 focuses on the Big Question: Why Share Stories? Throughout the unit, you will learn about the power of storytelling. Before you prepare your own answers to the Big Question, find out what your parents or other adults think. Select one of the activities below to complete at home.

### ACTIVITY: Sharing Stories

**Directions** For each prompt below, ask a family member or another adult for his or her first thoughts. Record the responses on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Favorite Memory
2. Most Important Accomplishment
3. Most Difficult Challenge

Do any of the responses surprise you? Why or why not?

### ACTIVITY: Point of View

**Directions** Think of an important event that you or another family or community member attended together, such as a neighborhood barbecue or a sibling's graduation.

1. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a chart with two columns. Label the left column "Your Memory of Event" and label the right column "Adult's Memory of Event."
2. In the left column, write your memory of the event.
3. In the right column, ask a family member who attended this same event to write his or her memories of the event. Do not allow this person to read your entry before writing.

How do these two versions of the same story compare? Why might they differ?

### ACTIVITY: Community Historian

1. Talk with a family or community member about different family and neighborhood gatherings over the years. Is one story told over and over again at every gathering?
2. Record the story on another sheet of paper. Remember to include descriptive details and any quotations that are necessary parts of the story.