

## **STORY TIME:**

- Recall a time when you and some friends (or family) told funny stories about growing up.
- What situations inspire people to tell stories?
- What role does an audience play in making the telling of a story more interesting?
- Put your thoughts on paper for the next few minutes. Write at least one-half of a page describing why storytelling is important in our lives (even today). Think about these elements as you write:
  - 1) why, as children, do we enjoy being told bedtime stories before going to sleep,
  - 2) the characters from The Canterbury Tales are telling their tales to pass the time and as a competition (to see who can tell the best tale). Why do we often find ourselves telling lengthy tales while traveling in the car? Do we do this to pass the time, as well?,
  - 3) Grandparents are often the BEST storytellers. Why do we love to hear stories about life before we were born or about times when we were not a part of the action?
  - 4) Who has often been the best storyteller in your life?
  - 5) What type of stories do you enjoy hearing?
  - 6) When something funny happens in your life, who is usually the first person that you think of to share your tale with: mother, father, sister/brother, girlfriend, friends from school?
  - 7) Do you enjoy telling stories about your life or the lives of others? If so, why?
  - 8) Do you enjoy hearing tales about other peoples' lives? If so, why?
- Be prepared to share some of these thoughts with the class if you are called on during the discussion of storytelling.