Where do I name my story and how will people know what it’s about?

Take a look at the left side of the screen, the place where all of your content is going to go. You’ll see an option at the top for enter headline and then enter a brief description. Give your story a title and tell your readers a bit about it! This will appear in the center of the screen over a cover photo once it’s complete.

How do I add text to talk about the content I am putting in?

Anything related to adding text can be found simply by clicking on the **content portion of your story**. Hover your cursor over the area under the description section and click. A text box will appear for you to start typing.
What if I want a title above my text?

Easy! Follow the same steps for adding text and click the “H” option below the text box to make it a heading.

How do I insert a line to organize my information?

That’s a great option. Follow the same steps for inserting a heading and choose the dash button right next to it.

I have a personal video that would be perfect for this story. I really can’t use it in Storify?

You can! You just have to first upload the video to YouTube. Then either search for it on Storify or copy and paste the URL into the search box on your own.

I’m working on this with more than person. Can we work on it at the same time?

Unfortunately, you have to upgrade to Story Enterprise if you want to have multi-user collaboration.

I’m not sure what I want to put on my Storify yet, how can I save sources as I do my research?

Storify has a tool to make it easy to keep track of content that interests you. Click “tools” at the bottom of the page on Storify and install bookmarklet to your Bookmarks Bar. When you find a website you want to use, simply click “Storify this” to save it. When you return to the story you are making, it can be found under “saved elements” where you would normally search for a resource.
Can I preview my Storify without publishing it?

Yep! On the top left corner, click the drop down option next to the “back” button. Choose “preview” and your story will open in a new tab!

Why does Storify tell me “No results” when I look for social media posts about events that happened a couple of weeks ago?

Storify filters out tweets and posts past the ten day mark. If you found, for example, a Tweet that you want to incorporate in your story, copy and paste the link to that tweet on Twitter and paste it into the search bar on Storify. Drag and drop from there!

Another option would be to install Storify as a Chrome extension on the web browser. From there, you can click the Storify button when your mouse hovers over a post or right click on it and Storify it as you would with the bookmarklet tool.

How do I choose a different header image for my story?

Go into “preview” mode and hover your mouse over a photo in your story that you would like to use as your header image. Click the image button that appears on the side - voila! Check and make sure it appears at the top now.

Can I upload an image from my computer for the cover photo of my story?

Storify does not allow users to upload their own images unless they exist on another website already. Upload your image to a photo sharing website and copy and paste the URL as you would with a Twitter or Facebook post.

Since I don’t have a Twitter account, I used my friend’s login information to search there on Storify. How do I delete her account when I’m done with the project?

Nice of your friend to let you use their account! Under settings, you will see an option for “Connections” on the left hand side. All of the social media profiles will appear. Choose “unlink” beneath Twitter and it will disconnect!

Can I make changes to my story after I publish it?

Sure thing! View your published story and note the several options at the top. Next to “Notify,” click the button with three circles. A drop down will appear with other options. Choose “Revert to Draft” to make any changes.

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Wait, what if I only want people with the link to view my story? Once I publish my story, does that mean it’s public for everyone?

Unfortunately, Storify only gives the private story option to those who upgrade to Storify Enterprise. If this is for a class assignment, you can revert the story to a draft once it’s complete.

Happy Creating!

If you get stuck at any point, sign up for a one-on-one consultation with one of our talented peer tutors!

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