We’re looking for the next generation of Storytellers!

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. makes history relevant, real, and fun through the award-winning Once Upon A Nation Storytelling program. Trained Storytellers transport adults and children back in time with true stories of Philadelphia’s past, in the locations where history took place.

Now it’s your chance to create and tell your stories!

Kids ages 8 to 12 are invited to write and submit a story on the theme “My History Hero or Heroine.” Future Storytellers will be selected for a special storytelling experience in Historic Philadelphia on Saturday, August 5.

For more information, visit historicphiladelphia.org/future
Follow @HistoricPhilly to see Once Upon A Nation in action!
Tell us a story about your History Hero or Heroine!

Your history hero or heroine can be from any time or place. We encourage you to look beyond the leaders who everyone knows and share a story about someone who made a difference through their actions, words, or values.

★ What did this person look like?
★ What important event changed their life?
★ Why is this person important?
★ Why do YOU admire this Hero or Heroine?
★ How can your story make everyone want to know more about him/her?

How To Submit Your Story

1. Write a story about your hero or heroine (50 – 200 words, or no more than one handwritten or typed page)
2. Include the sources used for your research
3. Have someone take a photo of you holding a picture of your history hero/heroine
4. Visit www.historicphiladelphia.org/future to send in your submission

Submissions must be received by Monday, July 17. Future Storytellers will be announced July 21.

Future Storytellers and their parents/guardians will be invited to Philadelphia on Saturday, August 5, to share their stories with the public at a Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Bench! Future Storytellers will learn storytelling and performance techniques and enjoy an end-of-day celebration!