



Life Stories Learning* is changing how stories are preserved, shared, and used in education. Our documentary films, interviews, and companion resources enable anyone the opportunity to gain new insights on their life and their world from the people and events who have inspired meaningful change. (*formerly Kunhardt Film Foundation)

Spotlight: The Thread



We are so excited by the first 4 episodes of *The Thread*. Each 30-minute episode is a personal journey into the life of an extraordinary individual who explores their passions and purpose and shares the path they have taken to lead a meaningful life. We hope you can take a moment to watch the trailers on [Instagram](#) and the series released weekly and streaming on [YouTube](#).

We created an [Educator's Guide](#) to help incorporate the series in the English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum, and to support Social Emotional Learning and Media Literacy objectives. *The Thread* is a great way to have your students engage in "The Art of the Interview " exercise and engage in close reading and meaningful reflective writing. Make sure to access the unique [lessons](#) for each episode!

What Viewers are Saying

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WOW what an awesome interview. I grew up listening to some of the songs in the 80s but I had never had the opportunity to listen to Gloria speak or give an interview. I was just blown away. She’s awesome what an inspiration she is.
@lilyg4925 on Gloria Estefan, YouTube

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Your voice had me glued... thank you for your service to the world of storytelling
@theresaelizabeth1 on Jason Reynolds, Instagram

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What an incredible story. It reflects childhood innocence, the strength of a mother and the reality that many humans have experienced in modern history. What great teachings and messages it leaves. Thanks for sharing
@majogartner on Tova Friedman, YouTube

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“If what you believe is not costly, then you are left to question its value.” These are such powerful words. I have such deep respect and admiration for Martin Sheen (a.k.a. Ramón Estévez). He is one of my heroes.
@RyanHLee-nc7hg on Martin Sheen, YouTube

Viewers are sharing their thoughts about *The Thread* via social media and the series has been featured in [People](#), [Common Sense Media](#) and on [FOX 11 Los Angeles](#).

Check out more news about *The Thread* and Life Stories [here](#).

FROM THE FIELD (a few highlights!)

The National Consortium for Teaching About East Asia (NSTA) invited us to screen and discuss *The Silent Witness* for a webinar of 50 educators. One participant reflected, "Hearing Truman's words are so similar to words in current world conflicts. I find that useful to analyze & make connections to current events. I also find [Tomiko's] humanity so accessible for my students, which hearing other peoples

stories doesn't always do." Thank you NSTAsia!

True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality screened at the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility. In the evaluation, one resident shared. "I appreciate the story. Gives me a different outlook about things, especially things I didn't know about history and the South and how people were treated. I'm glad and happy you're free to tell your story. It needs to be heard by everyone."

The Brooklyn Rail, an independent forum for arts, culture, and politics throughout New York City and far beyond, hosted a virtual screening of *King in the Wilderness* in celebration of MLK Day. Over 290 attended!

Over 200 students from 4 local high schools attended a screening of *True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality* at the Jacob Burns Film Center. After the film, Jacob Burns Film Center Senior Film Programmer Monica Castillo led a Q&A with Teddy and George Kunhardt.

LOOKING FORWARD

Catch these new episodes of *The Thread* in April!

April 1 Roz Chast: Drawing From Life

April 8 Kurt "Big Boy" Alexander: A Hip Hop Odyssey

April 15 Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Lewis: Finding Wisdom in Pain

April 22 Mitt Romney: Family Ties

April 29 Cecile Richards: Championing Choice

We'll also be at NAMLE's (National Association of Media Literacy Educators) conference "Advancing Media Literacy Education: A Shared Responsibility" in Los Angeles.

There are so many ways to use and connect with Life Stories Learning. Contact Fran Sterling, Director of Education fran@lifestories.org with any questions or to share how you've been using the resources!



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