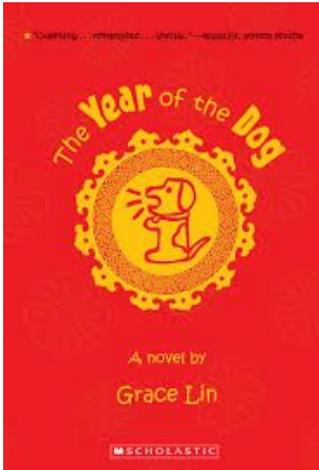


Digital StoryTellers



Author and illustrator Grace Lin uses familial stories to share anecdotal messages in her novel *The Year of the Dog*. Each story helps the main character Pacy learn about who she is and how to manage being a middle school student who is trying to figure out how she fits in. Each story guides her through her year journey to helping her discover who she is. Sharing stories is a valuable way to spread positive messages and learn about ourselves.

For this project, start by reading Grace Lin's novel, *The Year of the Dog*. Then work with your class to create a mini-documentary (a short film or video) that shares the stories of your students' families.

Students can use voice over, music and images to present the stories of their families in a powerful way. Have your students consider their family traditions and why they are important, as well as the symbolism those traditions may hold. Also be sure to join us at **BGSU's Literacy in the Park on April 25th, 2020. Meet Grace Lin, and share your projects with students all around Ohio!**

Simple Version:

Make a crew with your classmates. Some of you can be actors, some can be the directors, some can write the script, some can conduct the interviews and some can edit the project. Work together to create a digital masterpiece, documenting a story your family has shared that promotes a positive message!

Advanced Version:

If you choose to do this version of the project, use more than one family tradition. Create two or more projects, and try to make connections between the stories just as Grace Lin does in her novel.

Here are some Common Core Standards that can be engaged by this project:

[Writing Standard 5](#)

[Writing Standard 7](#)

[Speaking & Listening Standard 5](#)

Teachers:

When your students are finished, please share their projects with bgsulitpark@bgsu.edu **BY APRIL 1, 2020**. Have students label their project with **Name, School, Project #**.