

Why Stories Are Important

Stories are important for a number of reasons. They allow you to look inside yourself by living the lives of others, while helping you to empathise with those you once failed to understand. They educate without lecturing, lend a voice to the voiceless, and make thoughts fertile—even rampant—when previously there were none. A good story shrinks an hour commute—or extends it, if it makes you miss your stop! They fill gaps and minds and mouths. Carve smiles, wet cheeks, flame hope. While you remain still, they move you. Sometimes irreversibly. You can travel through time, space and dimensions. You can live and die a thousand times.