



# Mine Your Life for Story Gems

Pathways to Explore		Step 1 Find Your Story Gems	Step 2 Find the Deeper Meaning	Step 3 Link to Your Work
<b>People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher you'll never forget</li><li>• Boss who gave the harsh feedback you needed</li><li>• Loyal friend</li><li>• Colorful roommate</li><li>• Someone you hero-worshipped</li></ul>			
<b>Places</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Favorite places that evoke comfort &amp; security</li><li>• Unfamiliar or scary places that build suspense</li><li>• Mountains and oceans to inspire imagination and adventure</li></ul>			
<b>Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flunking your driver's test</li><li>• Interviewing for your first job</li><li>• Leaving for college</li><li>• Narrow escape from disaster</li><li>• How you met your spouse</li></ul>			
<b>Objects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your first car</li><li>• Favorite food</li><li>• Something you lost or broke</li><li>• Cherished gift</li><li>• Frivolous purchase</li></ul>			