


CHECKLIST: EFFECTIVE STORIES

EFFECTIVE STORIES ARE: 	
Not Lame: Is the story of interest to students or just the teacher?	
Concise: Have you cut out every word that you can? Generally, shorter stories are more powerful.	
Vivid: Have you included enough details to paint a rich picture?	
Emotional: Will the story touch students' hearts?	
Surprising: Can you make the story more effective by including a surprise ending?	
Humble: Stories that celebrate a teacher's successes can be off-putting to students.	