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STORIES THAT SHAPE US

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story

noun.

- A recounting of a sequence of events
- A narrative, either true or fictitious designed to interest, amuse, or instruct the hearer or reader

identity

noun.

- the sense of self, providing sameness and continuity in personality over time and sometimes disturbed in mental illnesses

ritual

noun.

- Standardized behavior with a beginning and an end
- Mark the passage of time or passage from one state to another
- Define and reinforce beliefs of the participants or define and reinforce community.

Rituals have political implications, as rituals help us define who we are.

National Stories & Civic Myths







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