

# Unit 1: Growing Up

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Note: Foundations & Honors are in a little bit different order after lesson 6, so look for the story **title**. Have your notepaper or note-taking form ready to go to add notes as you listen to the stories.

## ◀ Audio links for the Stories & Poems

### Lessons:

1. Growing Up: Unit Introduction
2. **“The Bass, the River and Sheila Mant”** short story by W.D. Wetherell
  - **Audio link** story read aloud but no text showing ♦ 17-min: <http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/>
  - The narrator of the story is never named. He is a 14-year-old boy who tells his aha story.
3. **“I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings”** is an *excerpt* (little part of the book) from Maya Angelou’s autobiography.
  - **Audio link** story read aloud *with* text on screen ♦ 36-min: <https://youtu.be/Djs8NDifKB4?t=2072>
  - What happens to Maya at her 8th grade graduation that is her “rite of passage”? How does her way of thinking change (her “aha moment”)?
  - 22-min recording SUPPLEMENTAL LIVELESSON from Ms. Billett about note-taking for Unit 1 stories as well as specifics on the Maya Angelou “I know Why” story: <https://ww2.livelesson.com/p2f4eqwiorqt/> ←Be patient. This takes a few steps. Click on “Switch to Classic View” which opens a new window (takes about a minute). If asked, click “Open in Application” and it will open in a LiveLesson window in Connexus. 📖 You *must* be logged into Connexus for this to work.
4. **Three poems:** "First Lesson," "On Turning Ten," and "Hanging Fire" (all by different poets). Read the BACKGROUND info on page 44 in *Pathways*.
  - **Audio link:** “First Lesson” by Phillip Booth poem: no audio yet. Page 45 in *Pathways*
  - **Audio link:** “Hanging Fire” poem: <https://youtu.be/Ur9tcn0o1z8>
  - **Audio link:** “On Turning Ten” the poem (2 min.) [https://youtu.be/L-zWoKqIH\\_E](https://youtu.be/L-zWoKqIH_E) ; OR a teacher gives an introduction & explanation plus reads the poem (9 min.): <youtu.be/SM9aYEe0shU>
5. **“My Forbidden Face”** This is a true story but is only an excerpt (small part) of the author’s entire book. The subtitle is *Growing Up Under the Taliban: A Young Woman’s Story*.
  - **Audio link:** (19 min.) <https://ww2.livelesson.com/pwagc92lwxu4/> ←Be patient. This takes a few steps. Click on “Switch to **Classic View**” to hear both the background and the story. This will open a new window (takes about a minute). 📖 You *must* be logged into Connexus for this to work. Background info from pg. 62 and the story from the textbook (pgs. 63-70) are read aloud.
  - Pay close attention to the end for Latifa's "aha moment." Latifa learns something about her own life, but she also sees that Mama has changed.

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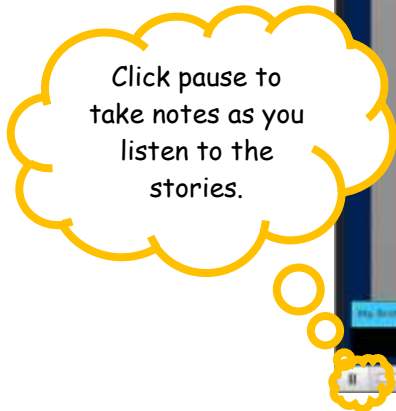
6. [Writing Workshop: “My Aha Story” narrative **portfolio**. Make sure you read Mr. Henderson’s handout on the Message Board so you have all the **updated** requirements.]

7. “**The Scarlet Ibis**” by James Hurst [Note: This story is optional for Foundations students.]

- **Audio links:** (30 min total)
  - “The Scarlet Ibis” **Part 1** - 15 min: <https://youtu.be/qyv9A7o5mpQ>
  - “The Scarlet Ibis” **Part 2** - 15 min: <https://youtu.be/coBKG7aYizU>
- This story is *not* about the bird; the bird is a symbol. You must infer what the important life lesson Brother (the protagonist/main character) learns because the story doesn’t tell us directly (his "aha moment"). You'll have to read between the lines.

8. “**My Brother’s Keeper**” by Jay Bennett

- **Audio Link:** 20 min
- **CLICK HERE** to find the LiveLesson recording which has **BOTH** the **text and the audio** version: <https://ww2.livelesson.com/p8ae51ah4ycf/> ← This takes a few steps. Click on “Switch to **Classic View**” to hear both the background and the story. This will open a new window (takes about a minute).  You *must* be logged into Connexus for this to work. Background info and the story from the textbook are read aloud.
- Background info from pg. 144 and the story from the textbook (pgs. 145-158) are read aloud.



See your teacher’s **Message Board** for more resources such as the pdf version for textbooks, the LiveLesson recordings, etc.

The links were checked and working on August 16, 2021. However, if you run into any trouble, please contact Ms. Billett by WebMail or phone (208-576-4943) to let her know.

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