

## Deeper Meaning Questions

Some questions to ask young people (and which they can ask each other) about their stories which will increase critical awareness include:

What do you think this story is about?

What else could it be about?

What was left out of the story? Why do you think it was left out?

Whose story is it? Why?

What could be the story behind the story?

What is powerful in the writing? Identify an image, line, metaphor, or representation of a person which is powerful. Why is it powerful?

What was unexpected in the story? What surprised you or didn't seem to fit?

You can use some or all of these questions to help young people to look at their stories as culturally situated. It is useful to have someone else answer the questions about the child's story. They are good questions for a small group of other writers to discuss.