

How to Write a Great Success Story



As the end of the school year nears and class projects are completed, the crucial step that must not be forgotten is the project story.

This is a vital reflection and learning opportunity!

How do you write a great story? Read on!

[1] Identify your story. When writing your project story, include the following information:

DATES: When did you start and finish your project?

AUTHOR: Who is writing this? You? Give yourself some props.

SCHOOL INFORMATION: What's the name of your school? What grade are you in? We love to recognize student authors!

LOCATION: What school district are you in and what is the name of your city?

[2] Follow these steps for writing a complete success story.

You worked hard every step of the way! Be sure you don't miss a detail of the whole Earth Force process.

Recall the issue you selected and why you selected it. What led you to this issue? How did it show up in your community environmental inventory process?

Think about all of the research that you did and what you learned about your issue. Were you able to describe the who, what, when, where, and why of your issue? What policy or practice did you set out to change? What options for change did your research open up for you? Who did you talk to? Did you have guest speakers and if so, what did you learn from them?

Talk about what you actually did for your project. How did you actually get it done? Did the class split up into committees? How long did it take?

Say something about what the Earth Force experience was like. Do you think the project was successful? Did it have the effect that you wanted? What has Earth Force meant to you? What have you learned? Do you feel like you've done your part as an "environmental citizen"?

Don't forget—Thank your partners! One thing that you **ALWAYS** must do is mention any community partners that helped you. The more you remember to do this, the more likely community partners will be to help you next time!

One more thing—Find that one great photo! We will post your project story and photo on our website (earthforce.org). People are more likely to read a story that has an interesting picture with it. Digital photos are much easier for us to use.

[3] Send it in! When you have your story written and your photo picked out, send them to your local Earth Force staff. Email or snail mail is fine. Just check with your teacher for the appropriate contact information.