

QUESTIONNAIRE: PAIRED STORIES

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I'm throwing my name into the hat!

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Please provide some information about yourself, as well as whatever description you would like to include about your background and racial identity. Where have you lived, where your story takes place, etc.: I am an American born of African heritage. I was born and grew up in predominantly black Washington, DC then went to a predominantly white college in North Carolina. As a civilian, Navy man and missionary I have visited many countries. I am the Vice President of Black Storytellers of San Diego. The story I'll work with takes place in North Carolina and Jamaica.

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And, if you have a specific story idea, focus, or theme that you would like to pursue as part of this project, please include this information as well: The theme I'd like to work with is "discovering the other."

Example: "I am white, and I grew up in an almost all black neighborhood. My story is about learning about race, and racism from that perspective. A paired story with a black teller who grew up in an almost all white environment may work

Since college days I have been intrigued to discover similarities and differences between blacks and whites when they pursued activities to become friends. New understandings break forth.

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Thank You!