"But it's our story. Read it.": Stories My Grandfather Told Me and Writing for Continuance

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ABSTRACT This is a story about stories. Born out of a ten-year-old request from my grandfather, Ronald Whiteduck, to help him record our family's and community's history, this research essay explores the theoretical, ethical, and methodological considerations of writing oral history in Native communities. Punctuated by transcriptions of my grandfather's stories and my self-reflection, this essay explores Native writing in terms of the responsibilities Native writers have when we write; how writing can keep our people grounded in our homelands; the potential of writing to decolonize; and, most importantly, writing for the continuance of our nations. When we write, Native writers are responsible to our families, our communities, and the larger Native academic community. Our stories represent a fundamental love and respect for our homeland, and writing them ensures our children can return home regardless of their physical location. Through writing we can achieve decolonization by responding to past and ongoing oppression, while actively moving beyond it. Continuance manifests when we thrive in a space of our own, where our ways of being are combined with tools provided by academia to further our goals. The essay concludes by asking, “Where does it end?”

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My grandfather has told me many stories, most of which were either exaggerations for the more boring ones or altogether facetious, but always
mind-numbingly dull. In fact, I have fallen asleep on the telephone with him before, only to wake up to his snarling, growling voice reprimanding my ear. He also repeats stories many times, because his memory is equivalent to that of a mosquito. She has told me often that she feels encouraged in her job and our working relationship. All performance management deadlines have been or are being met. I need to help Kate more on the technical aspect of her job and how. This Is A Funny Essay About Lies My Teacher Told Me About Writing I Got An A On It. The following is a story my grandpa used to tell me before he passed away, I thought r/nosleep might be able to appreciate it. This story is... This is just some historical information, but it's important to understand before reading the rest of this story: Switzerland did its best to maintain “neutral status” throughout the war. But regardless of its attempts to maintain neutrality, Switzerland was still highly sought after by both the allied and the axis powers. Once the Nazis began committing acts of aggression against Switzerland, England provided reinforcements to the Swiss military. When exactly did your grandfather tell you this story? I can just imagine him being all like, “All right, time for bed, now, sport,” and you laying there, eyes wide open like “Fuuuuck.” permalink.