

*"Make me laugh. Make me cry. Tell me my place in the world. Lift me out of my skin and place me in another. Show me places I have never visited and carry me to the ends of time and space. Give my demons names and help me to confront them. Demonstrate for me possibilities I've never thought of and present me with heroes who will give me courage and hope. Ease my sorrows and increase my joy. Teach me compassion. Entertain and enchant and enlighten me.*

*"Tell me a story."*

Dennis O'Neil

### ***A Place Where the Sea Remembers***

Santigo, Mexico is a small seaside village. The stories of the inhabitants weave together in the novel *A Place Where the Sea Remembers*. Your assignment for this book is to go on a story finding mission for our own "village" of North High School. Find someone willing to share "their story" with you in an informal interview. When you meet please either borrow my digital camera or use your own to take a picture of you and the person whose story you are getting. The camera is available in room 127.

What can you ask? Think about the stories in the book. Try to get a story that has been significant in the person's life, a story that has shaped who they are now. You'd also like the story to be entertaining. We often go right to "funny" when we think entertaining, but it could also be sad or touching. Maybe it is the kind of story that everyone can identify with, but still unique to that person. Some possible topics: first day at a job or school, embarrassing moment, how they fell in love, how they fell out of love, their biggest regret, their proudest accomplishment, the last time they spoke with a loved one who has passed away, when they made a decision that would in some way determine their future. In some cases, you might have to interview more than one person to "get the story" (think about how we have to hear from Marta and Chayo in the book).

After you get the story, it will be your job to retell it to the class. We'll want to keep these under five minutes. Practice telling the story so it achieves it's full effect. You won't have to turn in a written copy. This will count in the participation portion of your grade.

Your due date is \_\_\_\_\_

**Remedios says, "It is stories that save us."**