



An Introduction to The Grannie Annie

The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration, founded in 2005, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in St. Louis, Missouri. Its mission is to inspire young people to discover, write, and share stories from their family's history, and to publish collections of their work. Through The Grannie Annie, thousands of students have had the opportunity to write for a wide audience, strengthen family and community bonds, encounter history in a new way, and possibly have their stories published in an international anthology.

The Grannie Annie invites young people everywhere in grades four through eight to interview people from an older generation of their family and to write about something they learn from their family's history. Students are encouraged to share their story with their extended family and their community — and with The Grannie Annie. All submitted stories are considered for possible publication. There is no submission fee; submissions have been received from across the United States and from around the world. The Grannie Annie also partners with other nonprofits to expand the reach of The Grannie Annie to more young people, families, and teachers.

The Grannie Annie's website includes all the published stories, an index to the published stories, details for participating in The Grannie Annie, and resources to enhance the Grannie Annie experience. The young authors are celebrated on The Grannie Annie's website and through social media.

Stories published by The Grannie Annie have taken place on six continents over a span of about 400 years. The stories provide readers with a vivid glimpse of life in other places and other times, and foster feelings of unity with people whose lives may seem very different from their own.