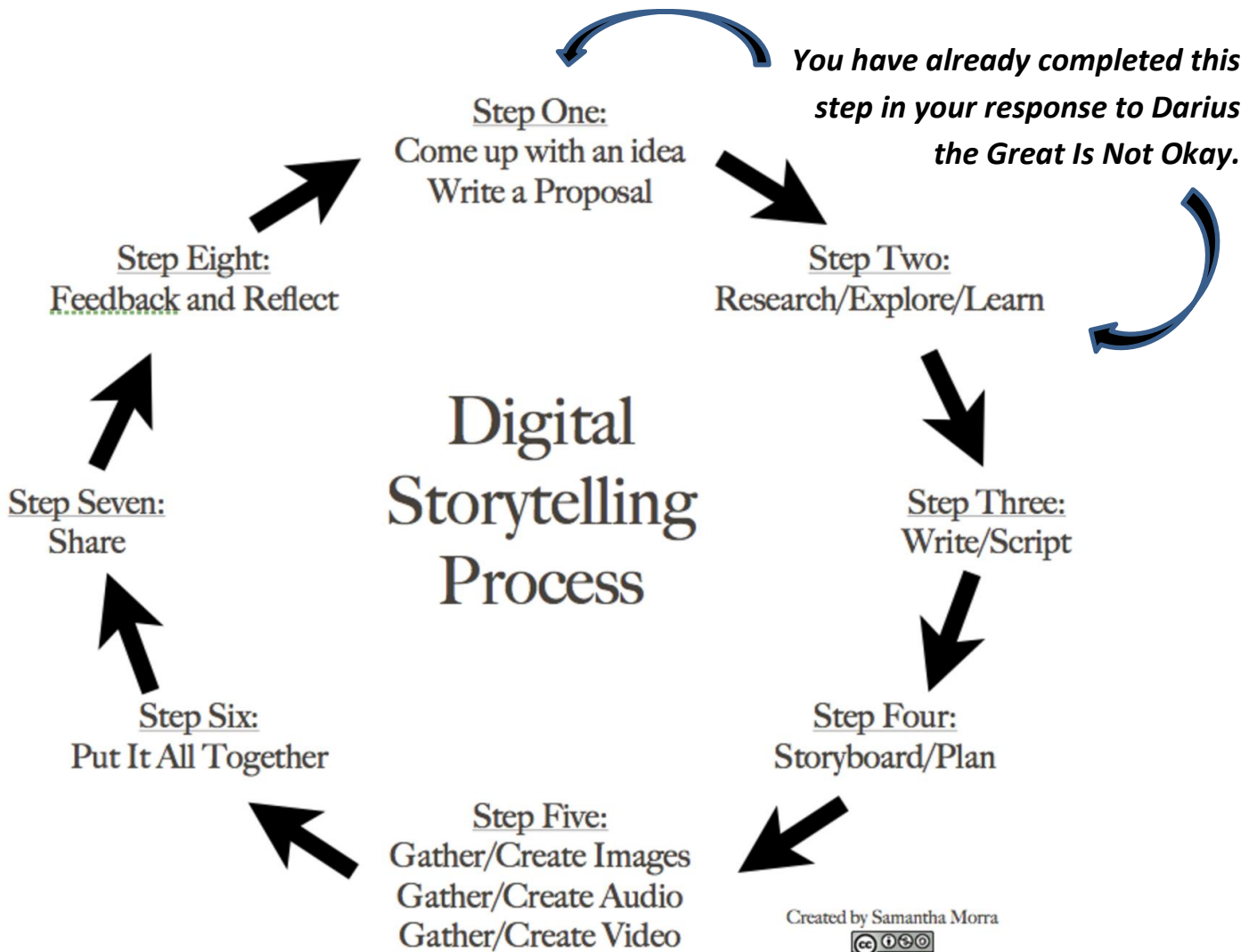# Your Digital Story Project

You have been reading <u>Darius the Great Is not Okay</u> as the example for personal story-telling. Now it is your turn. You will tell a story about yourself from within your community. This can be a story about an event in school, at home, on vacation, or anywhere you have felt a part of something. Your story can be happy or sad, but it should be an expression of you, sharing the person that you are.

To develop this story, you will follow a process of creation. This process will take your story from an original script to a storyboard, to a presentation with your narration. All of these parts will be required. You will submit each of them on Google Classroom. This stories will not be shared with the class unless you give permission. They also will not be shared with SIUE if you have not turned in your permission slip. With this said, please be aware that I am a mandated reporter. ***If you express a story about you hurting yourself through drug use or violence, hurting someone else, or being hurt by someone else, I am required to share this information with your guidance counselor, parent, or the authorities.***

You have already completed this step in your response to Darius the Great Is Not Okay.

Step One:
Come up with an idea
Write a Proposal

Step Two:
Research/Explore/Learn

Step Three:
Write/Script

Step Four:
Storyboard/Plan

Step Five:
Gather/Create Images
Gather/Create Audio
Gather/Create Video

Step Six:
Put It All Together

Step Seven:
Share

Step Eight:
Feedback and Reflect

Digital Storytelling Process

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Now that you have an idea for a story, you are ready to begin. A digital story is just like the name: a story in digital form; so you must begin with the story. Use the questions that you answered from Darius the Great as a starting point. Write about your singular experience. Your story should be about a moment in time, or an expression of yourself. When writing, be consistent in your focus on the story and the timeline you use. I would recommend a 400-500 word script to use. This needs to be written before taking the next step to ensure clarity when recording your voice.

Digital Story First Draft

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Storyboarding

You are now ready to build a story-board for your audio. Use the storyboard to develop themes for the different parts of your story. You can use images, videos, memes, or any other digital media to support your presentation. The story board will help you keep focus in how you plan to present your story. You will then use one of several different websites with free images, or you can create your own images.

Final Editing

Recording

When recording, make sure to test out the area and microphone that you plan to use. Big open areas can lead to an echo in your recording, while background noises tend to be amplified and distracting. As well, practice reading your story before recording to make sure you understand how to say the words and find comfort in what you are saying.

Building a PowerPoint or Google Slides Video

Finally, you will bring all of this together with PowerPoint or Google Slides. This is the part that will be most difficult and time-consuming. You will have to set up a time between slides so your PowerPoint can cycle while the audio plays in the background. Once you are finished, we will record the PowerPoint and audio to create your digital/video story.