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Go to www.tellingthestoryproject.org

This website is all about farmers telling their stories. Most stories are tragic in some way and there is always a message at the end. This assignment is meant to have you think about a farm near you. Maybe you live or work on a farm. Maybe you have a friend or a relative that does. Many of these stories show how dangerous agriculture can be for people of all ages.

Go to Mike's Page. Check out the pictures first; don't read or watch the video:

1. What do you think the danger is?

Now go back and skim the story.

2. Why did Mike die?

3. What type of gas did was he exposed to?

4. Write down everything you already know about manure pits and manure storage:

5. Find 3 more facts in this story of Mike about Manure Storage that you didn't know before.

Watch the 90 second video about Mike

6. His dad speaks first what does he say no one ever told them?

Keep ready the story.

7. Could Mike's death be prevented?



8. The family donated \$40,000 to create a rebate program. What does rebate mean?

9. How will this rebate program work?

10. Do you think Farmers will rent the monitors? Why or why not?

11. If you were in charge of this program, what would you do to persuade farmers to rent the monitors?

12. On the bottom half of this page you have two options:
 - a. Write a farm story about a tragedy that you know about and how it could have been prevented.
 - b. If someone donated \$40,000 and let you decide how you wanted to spend it to make agriculture more safe, what program would you create?

Be ready to discuss Mike's story tomorrow in class. If you finish and the class isn't over yet, you should go back to the main page and read some of the other stories!

