

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

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 stories and click on Jerry and Julie's Page.

Go to the very bottom of the story before you even start reading. Click on the first video; it has a picture of a man's face wearing glasses with a beard.

1. What state is this taking place in?
2. How many people die due to farm related accidents every year?
3. They use the word lucky in the story. Why was he lucky?

Now go back and read the story.

4. What gas did Jerry breathe in that made him pass out?
5. In the beginning it says Jerry was rushing through chores. Why do you think he was rushing?
6. What do you rush through that might be dangerous for you?
7. Look up what a tracheotomy is. Explain what this is:
8. Why did a tracheotomy need to be done for Jerry?

9. After you have read the entire story, watch the second video with a picture of a woman on it. How does Jerry describe his parent's farm? What kind was it?

10. How did Jerry describe the feeling when he crawled into the pit?

11. How did his parents find Jerry and what did they do?

12. How would you feel if you found your best friend in a pit of poop with nothing but their face and boots showing?

13. Would you jump into the manure to pull your best friend out? Why or why not?

14. Get out a second piece of paper, you have two options:
 - a. Write a farm story about a tragedy that you know about and how it could have been prevented. Make sure it is interesting, has an introduction, middle and conclusion. At the end write a piece of advice.
 - b. Look up manure gases. Wrote down the four gases produced from decomposing manure. Then go to www.aginjurynews.org. Find a news story about someone getting injured or dying from manure gas and write a short report on the article.

15. If you finish early, you may read more stories on the www.tellingthestoryproject.org page, or you can look up more injuries on aginjurynews.org. Be ready to discuss the answers to these questions tomorrow in class.