

TURNING POINTS

MOMENTS THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING



WARM-UP

**THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE LIKE A
ROAD.**

WHAT WAS ONE UNEXPECTED TURN?

**WHAT IS A "TURNING
POINT"?**

TURNING POINT

**A MOMENT WHEN SOMETHING CHANGED
DIRECTION IN YOUR LIFE**

**EXAMPLE: MEETING MY WIFE WAS A TURNING POINT.
EVERYTHING WAS DIFFERENT AFTER THAT.**

KEY PHRASES

LOOKING BACK...

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**REFLECTING ON THE PAST FROM
TODAY'S PERSPECTIVE**

**EXAMPLE: LOOKING BACK, I'M GLAD I TOOK THAT
JOB.**

**THAT'S WHEN I
REALIZED...**

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**INTRODUCING A MOMENT OF
UNDERSTANDING OR INSIGHT**

**EXAMPLE: THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED I WANTED TO BE
A TEACHER.**

IT LED TO...

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**EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED AS A
RESULT**

**EXAMPLE: JOINING THE CLUB LED TO MANY NEW
FRIENDSHIPS.**

**EVERYTHING
CHANGED AFTER
THAT.**

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THAT.**

**SUMMARIZING THE BIG IMPACT OF YOUR
TURNING POINT**

**EXAMPLE: I MOVED TO OSAKA. EVERYTHING
CHANGED AFTER THAT.**

STORY STRUCTURE

1. SETTING → 2. EVENT → 3.
REALIZATION → 4. OUTCOME

RICHARD'S EXAMPLE

**LOOKING BACK, I NEVER
PLANNED TO LIVE IN JAPAN.**

**BUT IN 1990, I GRADUATED FROM
UNIVERSITY BUT DIDN'T HAVE A
JOB.**

**I TOOK AN 8-WEEK JAPANESE
LANGUAGE COURSE.**

**IT LED TO EVERYTHING I DO
TODAY.**

YOUR TURN: STORY PREP

**CHOOSE ONE TURNING POINT
TO SHARE**

**(CAREER, FAMILY, HOBBIES, MOVING,
FRIENDSHIP, HEALTH... OR YOUR OWN!)**

**WRITE KEY WORDS
ONLY**

(NOT FULL SENTENCES!)

INCLUDE THESE PARTS:

1. SETTING (背景)
2. EVENT (出来事)
3. REALIZATION (気づき)
4. OUTCOME (結果)

MINGLING TIME!

INSTRUCTIONS

- Talk to 4 different partners
- Each conversation = 6-7 minutes
- Share your story (2 min) → Listen to questions → Switch!
- Write one interesting thing on your record sheet

USEFUL FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

**HOW DID YOU FEEL AT THAT
MOMENT?**

**WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
IF YOU DIDN'T...?**

**DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT
DECISION OFTEN?**

**WOULD YOU MAKE THE SAME
CHOICE TODAY?**

GROUP REFLECTION

**WHAT WAS THE MOST
INTERESTING TURNING POINT
YOU HEARD TODAY?**

PHRASES TO REMEMBER

LOOKING BACK...

THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED...

IT LED TO...

**EVERYTHING CHANGED AFTER
THAT.**

**EXIT TICKET
QUESTIONS
(SEE HANDOUT)**

THANK YOU!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!