

Are you incarcerated? Do you want to emancipate a piece of your story?  
Share a part of yourself, set it free.

# EMANCIPATED STORIES



## WHAT IS IT?

Emancipated Stories is a collection of writing and art where your voice matters. Each piece was created by someone behind bars. Tell the world who you are—your concerns, your dreams, what's on your mind right now. Alone, each page means, "I am here." Together, all the pages mean, "We are here."

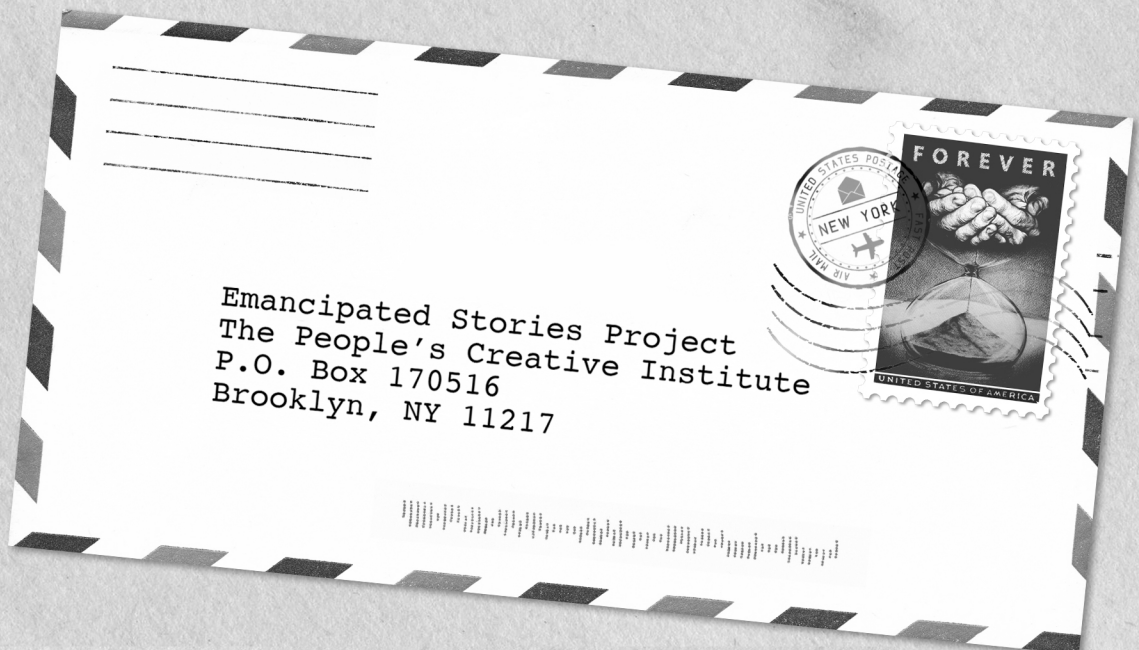
## WHERE IS IT?

Online at [emancipatedstories.com](http://emancipatedstories.com) and on Instagram at [@emancipated\\_stories\\_project](https://www.instagram.com/emancipated_stories_project). The collection has traveled to theater and community spaces like NYC's New Dramatists, Oregon's Profile Theater, and Signature Theater Off-Broadway

## HOW CAN I SUBMIT?

Your single page may be a drawing, letter, poem, story, essay, lyric. Any topic is fine!

MAIL  
YOUR  
PAGE  
TO:



# ABOUT

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Emancipated Stories is a visibility project. A collection of writing and art by those behind bars, it is meant to bridge two separate populations: those inside and out.

Mass incarceration is an unjust system that affects a staggering amount of people, and yet too often remains out of sight and out of mind. Our premise is simple. Volunteers inside share who they are with the world. Volunteers outside write personal response letters to the authors. Volunteers running the project curate the collection for various community spaces.

Our gallery of voices has inhabited online spaces (Instagram) along with high-profile Theater spaces (Signature Theater), and we've collaborated with prison writing programs nationwide (Underground Writing).

Emancipated Stories was dreamed up by theater and visual artists, people incarcerated and working in the criminal justice system, and family members. As one of our founders wrote from inside prison, to a group of volunteers on the outside, "You're here because either you care or you're curious."

# FAQ

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## **Who can submit?**

Currently and formerly incarcerated people.

## **What can I submit?**

One page, single-sided. Black and white or color. Any topic is fine. A snippet of your life, a moment from your day, a memory, a dream...

## **Will I get credit for my work?**

Yes, if you include your name. Anonymous submissions are accepted, too.

## **How do you select pieces?**

We publish every submission we receive.

## **What happens next?**

You will receive a personal letter, written directly to you by a volunteer, responding to your piece. Your page will then live online with the Emancipated Stories. If your page is performed, we'll write and let you know.

## **Is there any censorship?**

We do not censor content just because it's intense. We encourage truthful submissions on all topics, of all tones. However, if content seems inappropriate for internet publication we will let you know.

# CONSENT FORM



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Full Name

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Current or Former Prison

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State

## I CONFIRM THAT:

- I freely want to submit my work to the Emancipated Stories project.
- I know that Emancipated Stories is an online collection that aims to represent every human behind bars in the United States.
- I know that the Emancipated Stories will be exhibited and performed across the United States occasionally, so they can be witnessed in diverse communities.
- I have been given the Instagram handle: @Emancipated\_Stories\_Project.
- I have been given the email address for the website: emancipatedstories@gmail.com
- The artwork or writing I am submitting is my own original creation.
- I know that my artwork or writing will be available to the public. Prison authorities and other people who go on the website can see my artwork or writing.
- I know that Emancipated Stories will not profit from my artwork or writing.

**When my artwork or writing is put up on the website, I want it to be presented:**

- Anonymously: Do not include my name.
- With my full name: Include my full name.
- With my alias or nickname: My nickname is

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Signature

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Date

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## OPTIONAL

If you would like to receive a letter confirming publication of your work, our reflections on your piece, periodic updates about your Emancipated Story, and other opportunities, please include your mailing address with prison ID#.

Name/prison ID #:.....  
Street:.....  
Street:.....  
City:.....State:....Zip:.....