

Living Legacies: An Ethnographic Study of Grandmothers' Stories in the Niger Delta

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ABSTRACT Applying the ethnographic approach, this paper examines how grandmothers' stories selected from among two ethnic groups in the Niger Delta of Nigeria have been used in fostering intergenerational relationships discourse. It explores the meaning and functions, aims, metaphors, structures and the delivery modes of grandmothers' stories used in intergenerational relationships as the people struggle with the threat to the erosion of some of the major positive artifacts in their culture. It concludes by synthesizing contemporary challenges seemingly minimizing the overall use and impacts of grandmothers' stories in intergenerational relationships, and suggesting the possible implications of the discussion for networking regionally and, possibly, globally.