

How to Create Story Groups with Images (and all other Variants)

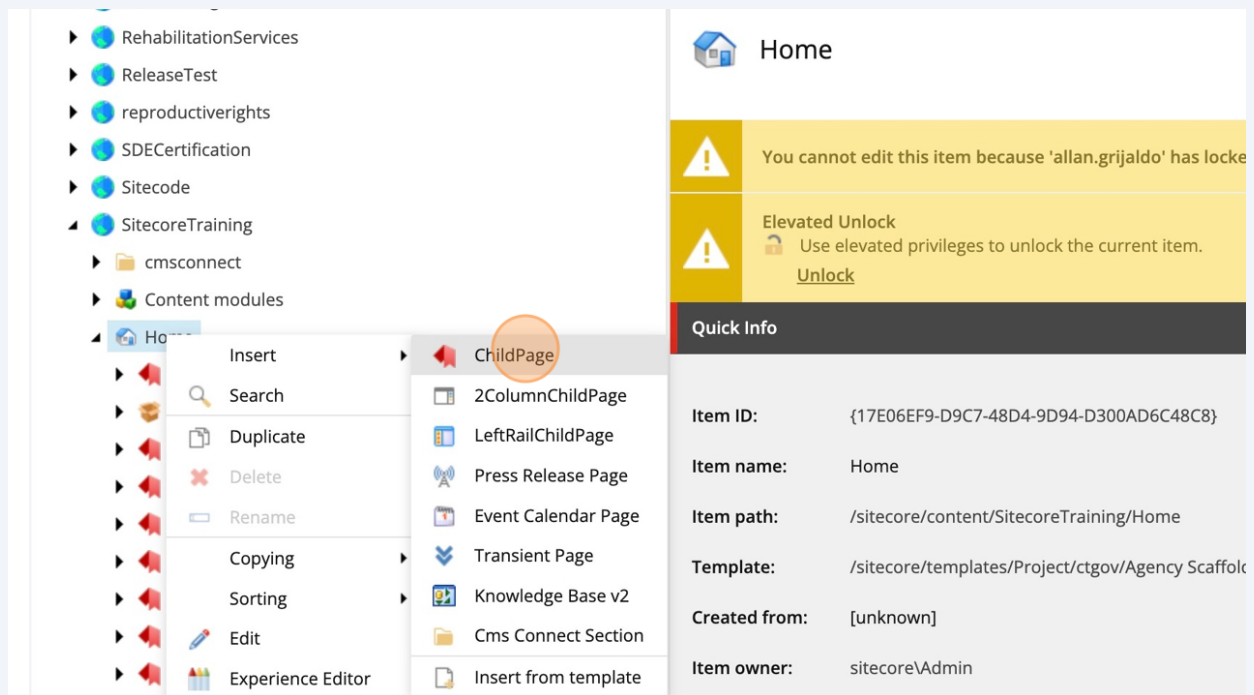
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Part 1. How to Create a Story Groups Folder and Story Group Components in the Sitecore Content Editor

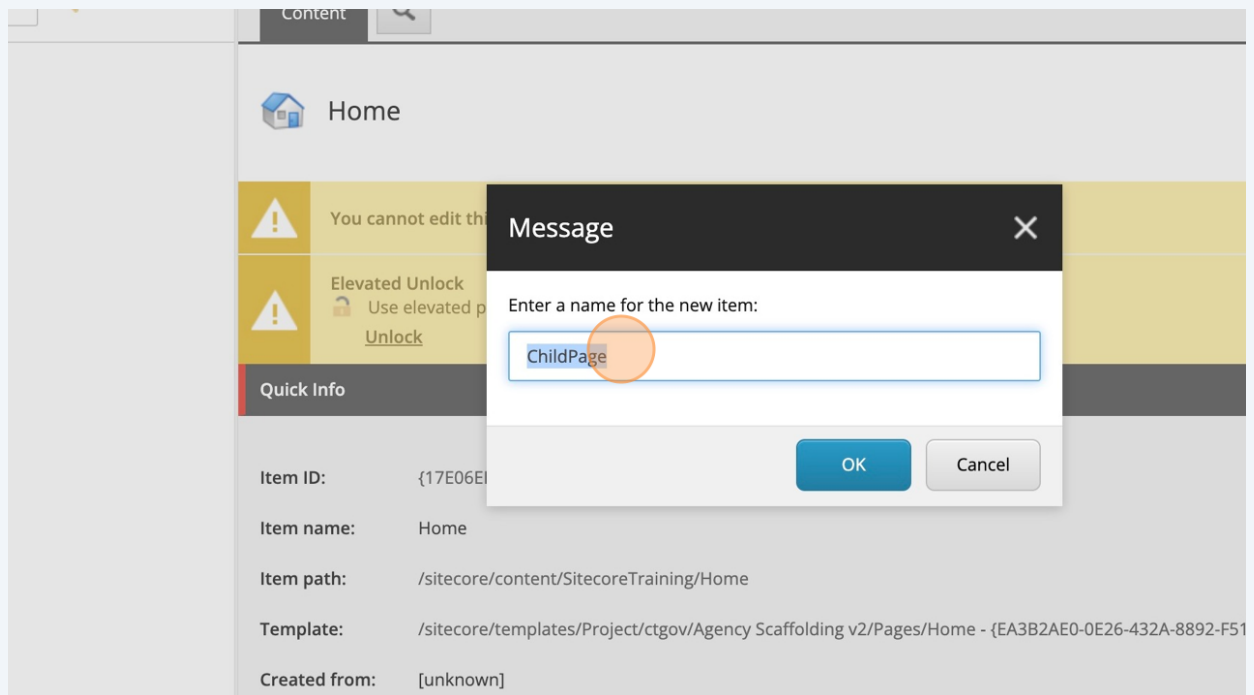
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In the Sitecore Content Editor, scroll down to locate "Sitecore Training" directory and click the arrow to expand the site structure.

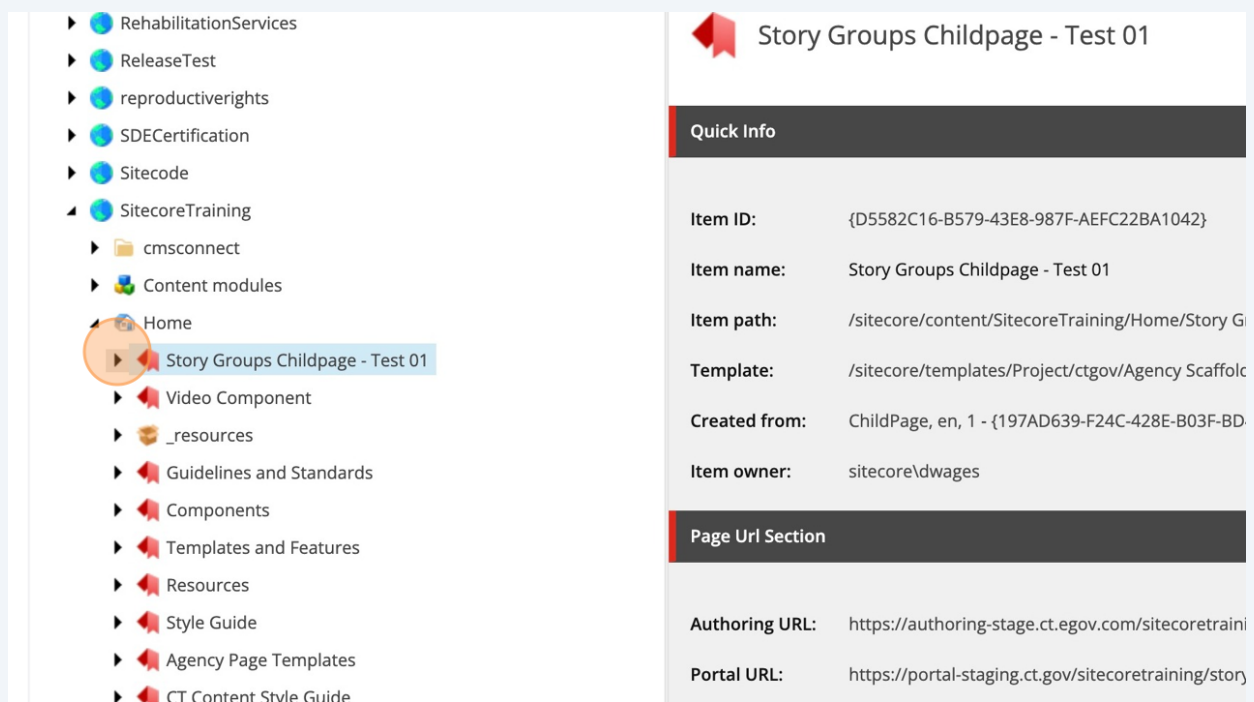
Click the arrow to expand the site structure. In the options given, click "ChildPage" for this example.



3 Click in the field and name your child page. and click "OK".



4 Click the arrow to expand "Story Group Childpage - Test 01".



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Locate the "_resources" box inside the "Story Group Childpage" and right click it. Click "Insert".

The screenshot shows the Sitecore Content Editor interface. On the left, the tree view shows the hierarchy: Home > Story Groups Childpage - Test 01 > _resources. The '_resources' folder is selected and highlighted. On the right, the 'Quick Info' section displays the following details:

- Item ID:** {D5582C16-B579-43E8-987F-AEFC22BA1042}
- Item name:** Story Groups Childpage - Test 01
- Item path:** /sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story C
- Template:** /sitecore/templates/Project/ctgov/Agency Scaffold
- Created from:** ChildPage, en, 1 - {197AD639-F24C-428E-B03F-BE
- Item owner:** sitecore\dwages

Below the 'Quick Info' section is the 'Page Url Section' with the following information:

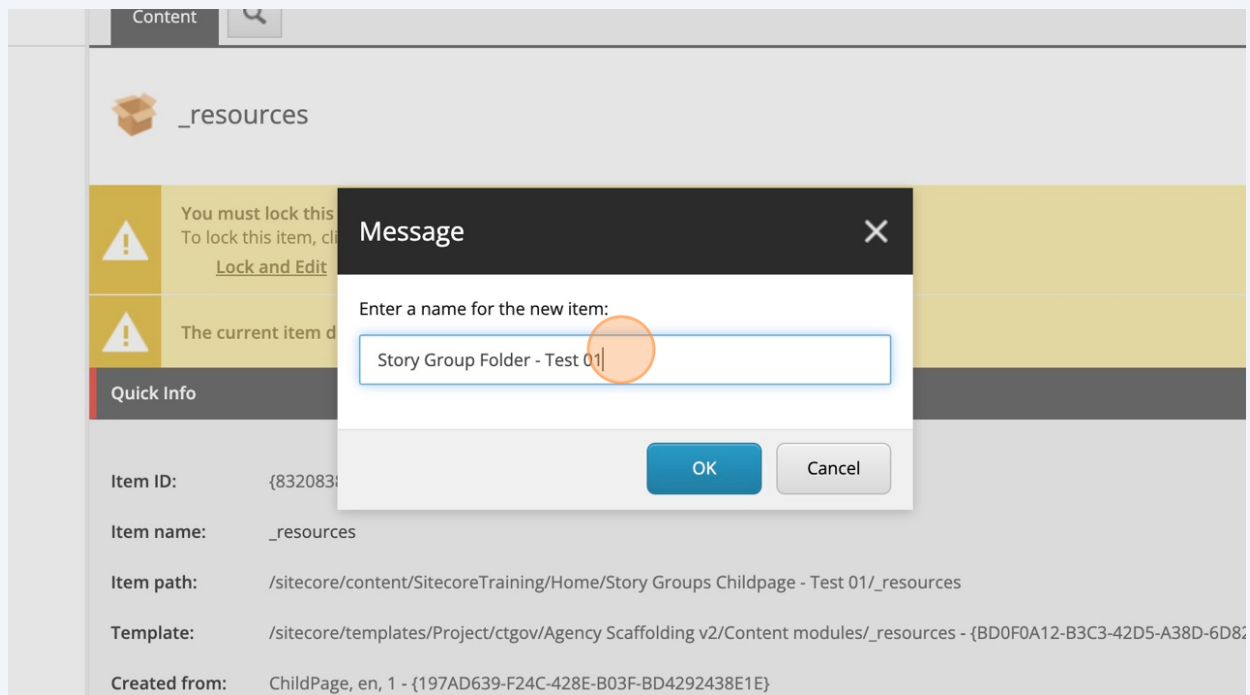
- Authoring URL:** <https://authoring-stage.ct.egov.com/sitecoretrain>
- Portal URL:** <https://portal-staging.ct.gov/sitecoretraining/stor>

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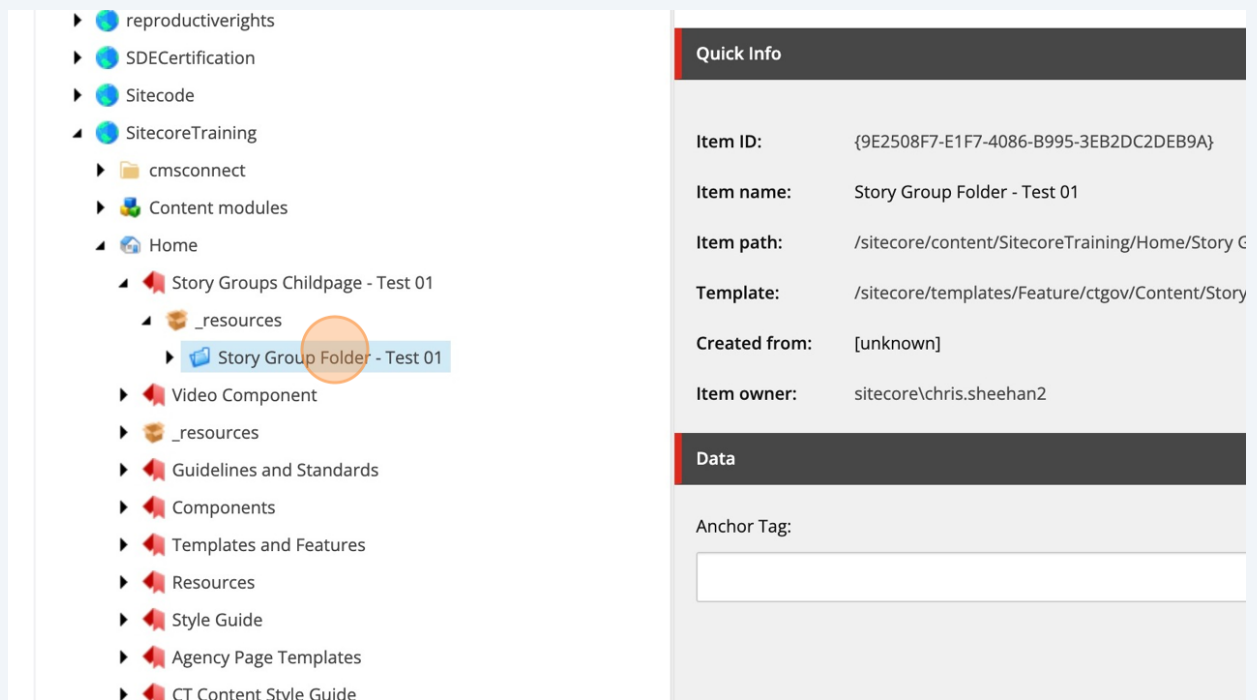
Click "Story Group Folder".

The screenshot shows the Sitecore Content Editor interface. On the left, the tree view shows the hierarchy: Home > Story Groups Childpage - Test 01 > _resources. The '_resources' folder is selected. A context menu is open over the '_resources' folder, and the 'Story Folder' option is highlighted. The right-hand pane displays the 'resources' section, which includes a message: "You must lock this item before you can edit it. Click this item, click Edit on the Home tab. Lock and Edit". Below this message, the 'resources' section is empty, indicating that the current item does not contain any fields.

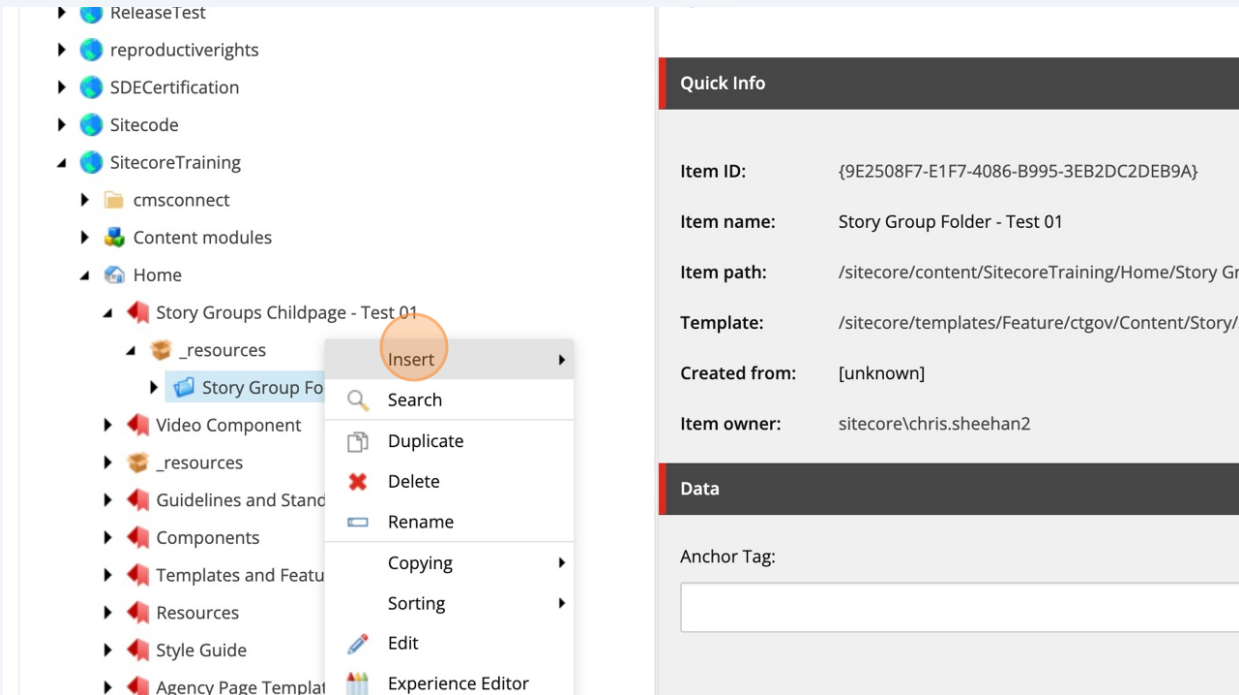
7 Create a name for the "Story Group Folder". Click "OK".



8 Right-click the "Story Group folder - Test 01".



9 Click "Insert".

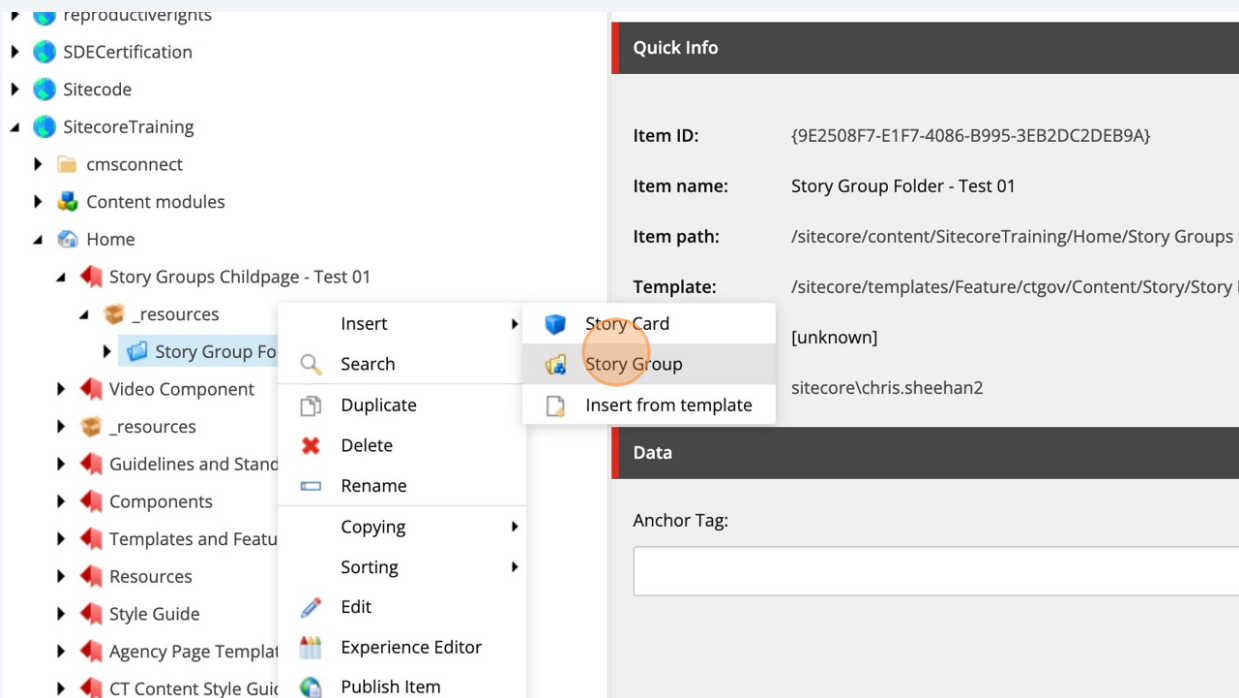


The screenshot shows the Sitecore Content Editor interface. On the left, a tree view displays the content structure, including folders like 'ReleaseTest', 'reproductiverights', 'SDECertification', 'Sitecode', 'SitecoreTraining', 'cmsconnect', 'Content modules', and 'Home'. Under 'Home', there is a folder 'Story Groups Childpage - Test 01' which contains a sub-folder '_resources'. A right-click context menu is open over the '_resources' folder, with the 'Insert' option highlighted. The menu includes options like 'Search', 'Duplicate', 'Delete', 'Rename', 'Copying', 'Sorting', 'Edit', and 'Experience Editor'. On the right side of the interface, the 'Quick Info' panel is visible, displaying metadata for the selected item: Item ID: {9E2508F7-E1F7-4086-B995-3EB2DC2DEB9A}, Item name: Story Group Folder - Test 01, Item path: /sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story Gr..., Template: /sitecore/templates/Feature/ctgov/Content/Story/!, Created from: [unknown], and Item owner: sitecore\chris.sheehan2. Below this, the 'Data' panel shows an 'Anchor Tag' field.

Quick Info	
Item ID:	{9E2508F7-E1F7-4086-B995-3EB2DC2DEB9A}
Item name:	Story Group Folder - Test 01
Item path:	/sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story Gr...
Template:	/sitecore/templates/Feature/ctgov/Content/Story/!
Created from:	[unknown]
Item owner:	sitecore\chris.sheehan2

Data	
Anchor Tag:	

10 Click "Story Group" and create a name for the new "Story Group". Click "OK".

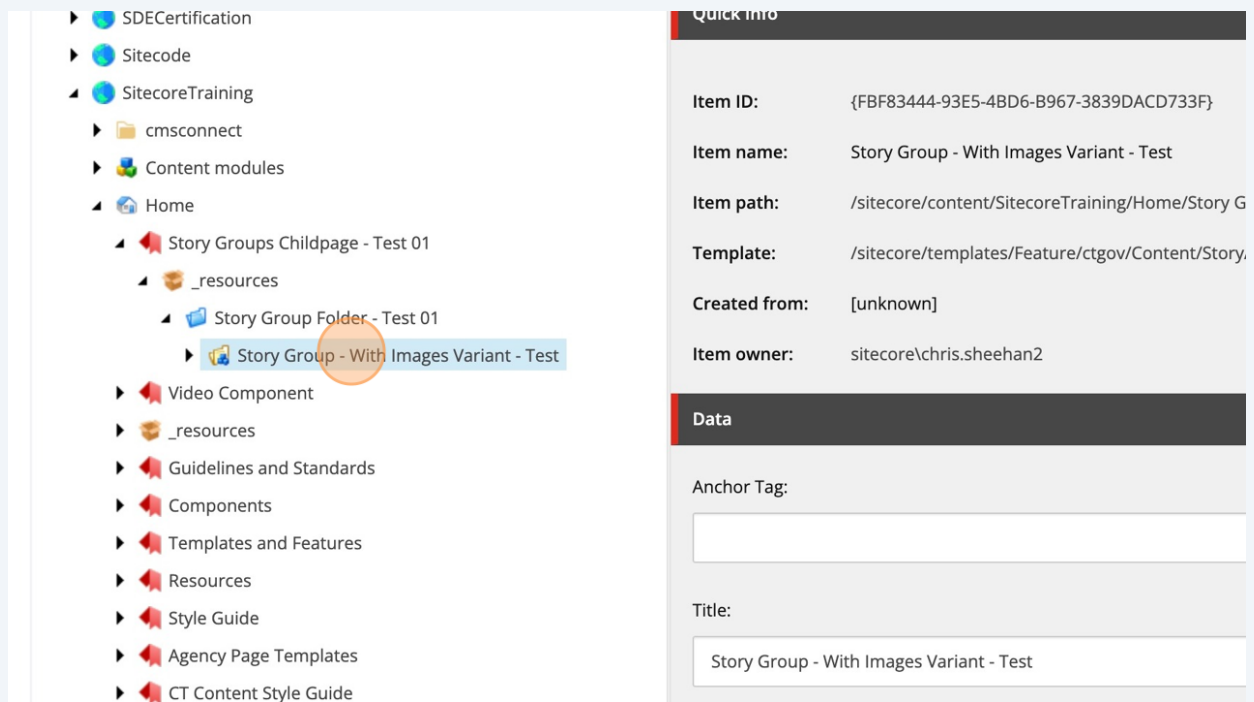


This screenshot shows the same Sitecore Content Editor interface as the previous one, but with the 'Insert' context menu open over the '_resources' folder. The 'Story Group' option is now highlighted within the 'Insert' submenu. The 'Quick Info' and 'Data' panels on the right remain the same, showing the same item metadata and an empty 'Anchor Tag' field.

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Item ID:	{9E2508F7-E1F7-4086-B995-3EB2DC2DEB9A}
Item name:	Story Group Folder - Test 01
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Template:	/sitecore/templates/Feature/ctgov/Content/Story/Story i
	[unknown]
Item owner:	sitecore\chris.sheehan2

Data	
Anchor Tag:	

11 In the newly created "Story Group" folder, right-click it.



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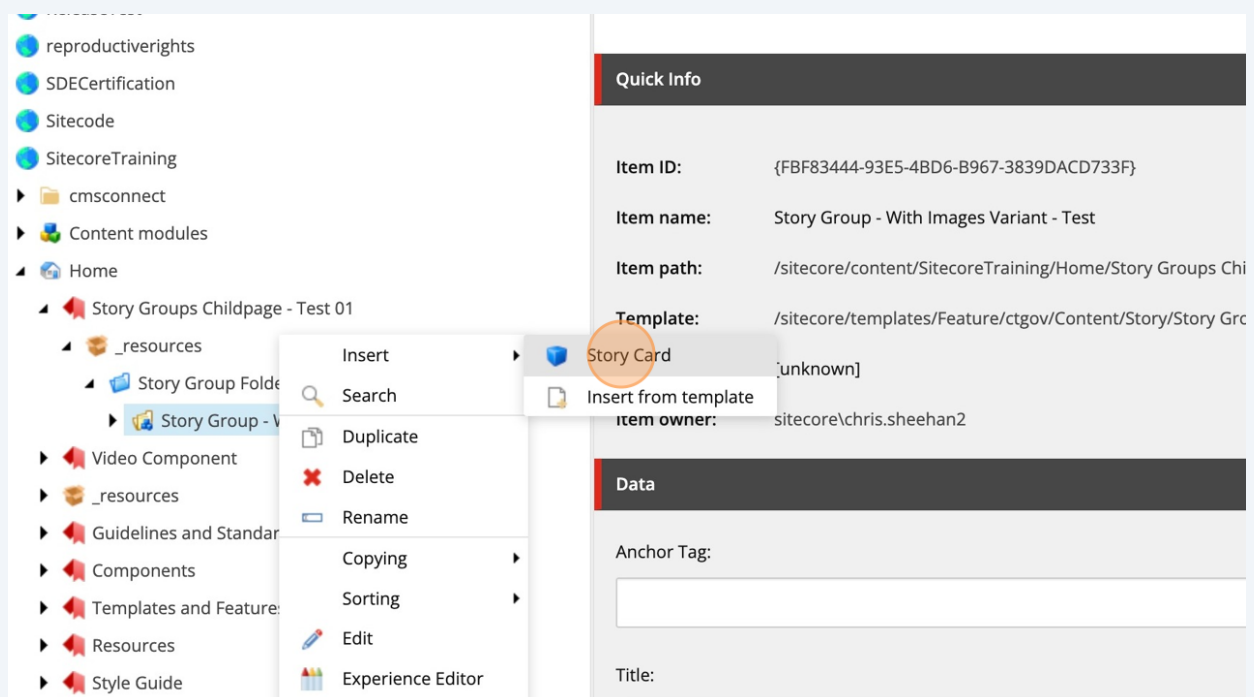
Item ID:	{FBF83444-93E5-4BD6-B967-3839DACD733F}
Item name:	Story Group - With Images Variant - Test
Item path:	/sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story G
Template:	/sitecore/templates/Feature/ctgov/Content/Story,
Created from:	[unknown]
Item owner:	sitecore\chris.sheehan2

Data

Anchor Tag:

Title:

12 Click "Insert" and then click "Story Card".



Quick Info

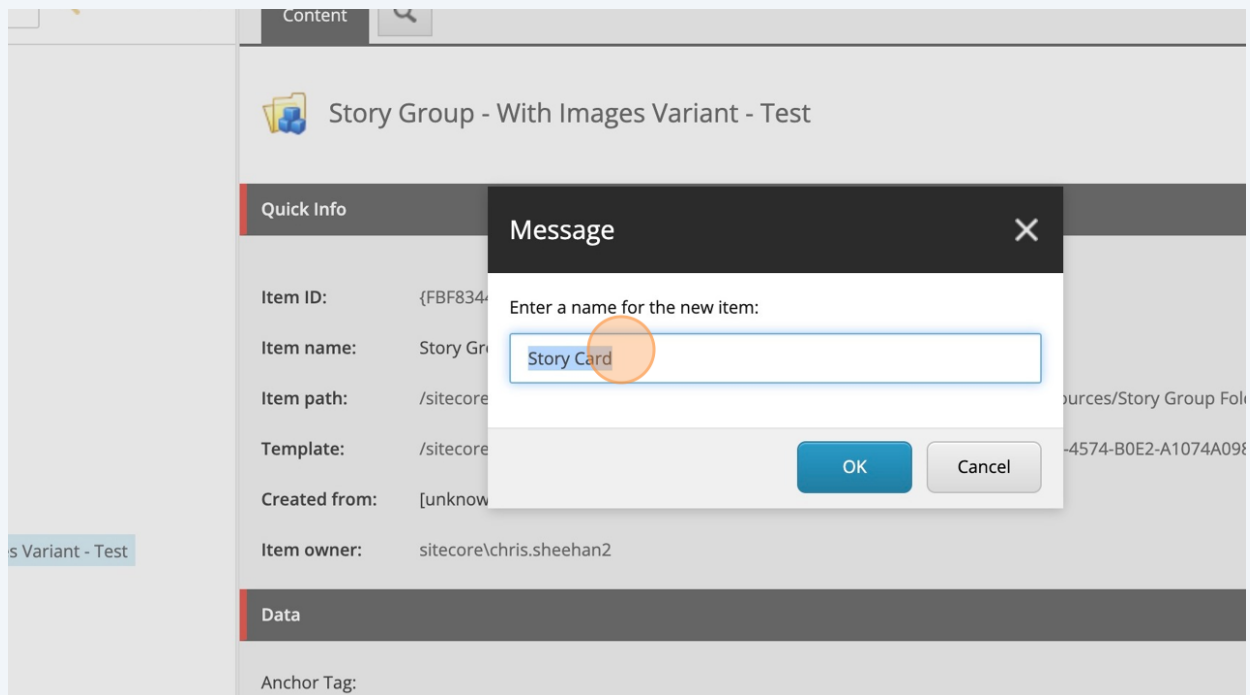
Item ID:	{FBF83444-93E5-4BD6-B967-3839DACD733F}
Item name:	Story Group - With Images Variant - Test
Item path:	/sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story Groups Chi
Template:	/sitecore/templates/Feature/ctgov/Content/Story/Story Grc
Created from:	[unknown]
Item owner:	sitecore\chris.sheehan2

Data

Anchor Tag:

Title:

- 13** Add a name to the Story Card. After inserting the name, click "OK".



- 14** You have just created the first "Main Story Card with an Image" component of your new Story Group. Continue for the second, third and fourth story.

15 Click on the "Story Group Folder".

The screenshot shows a content management system interface. On the left is a folder tree with the following structure:

- SDECertification
- Sitecode
- SitecoreTraining
 - cmsconnect
 - Content modules
 - Home
 - Story Groups Childpage - Test 01
 - _resources
 - Story Group Folder - Test 01
 - Story Group - With Images Variant - Test (highlighted with an orange circle)
 - Main Feature Story Card Component with Images \
 - Video Component
 - _resources
 - Guidelines and Standards
 - Components
 - Templates and Features
 - Resources
 - Style Guide
 - Agencv Page Templates

On the right is a panel with the following elements:

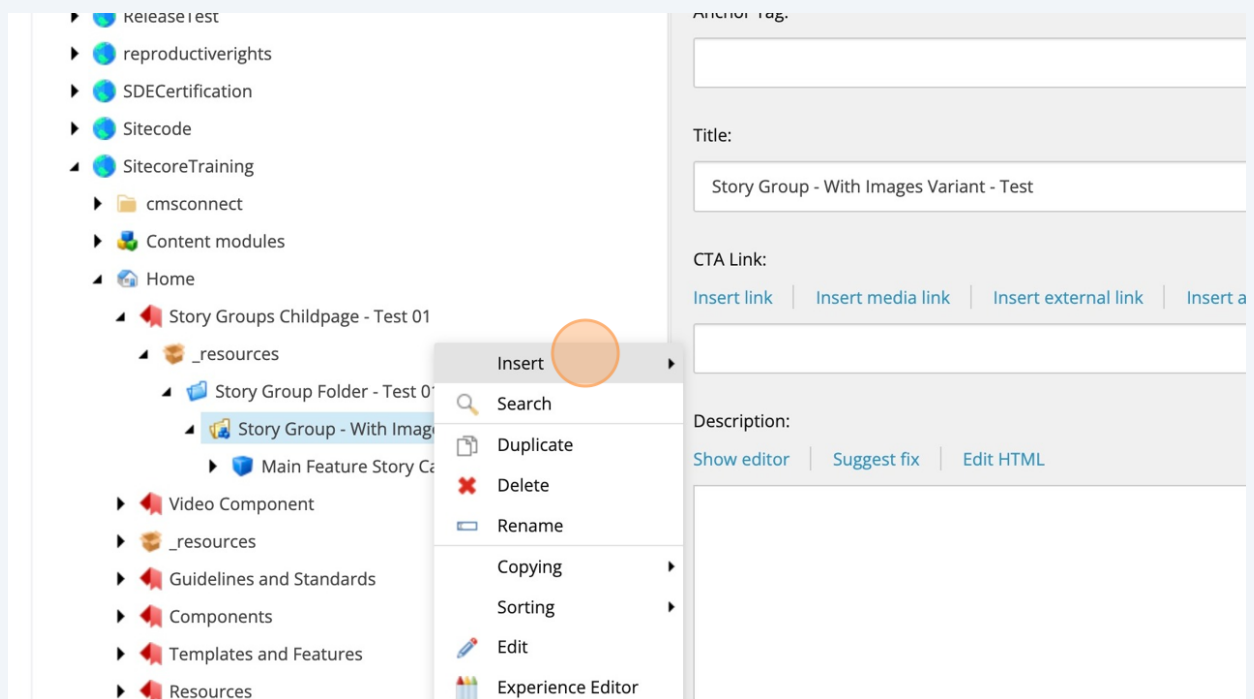
- Buttons: [Show editor](#), [Suggest fix](#), [Edit HTML](#)
- Teaser:
- Title:
- ☐ Is Highlighted Story
- ☐ Display Video

16 Right-click it.

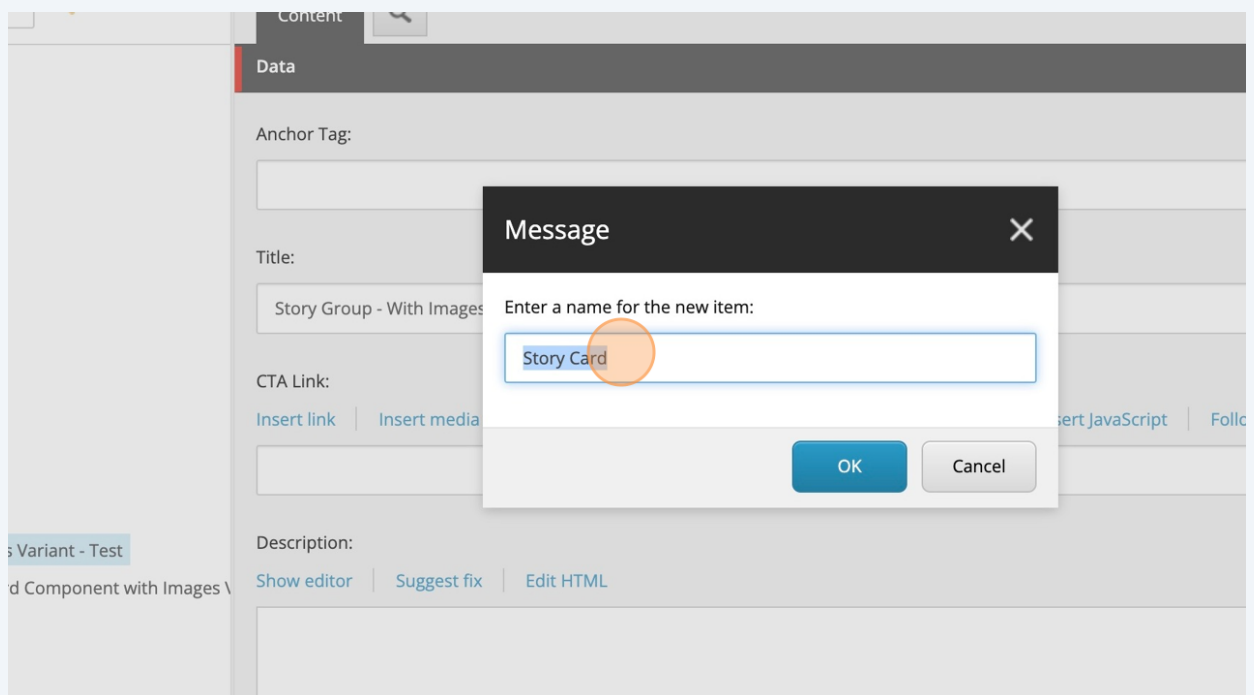
The screenshot shows the same content management system interface as in step 15. The folder 'Story Group - With Images Variant - Test' is still highlighted with an orange circle. The right panel now shows additional fields:

- Title:
- CTA Link: [Insert link](#) | [Insert media link](#) | [Insert external link](#) | [Insert ar](#)
- Description: [Show editor](#) | [Suggest fix](#) | [Edit HTML](#)
- ☐ Display Separator

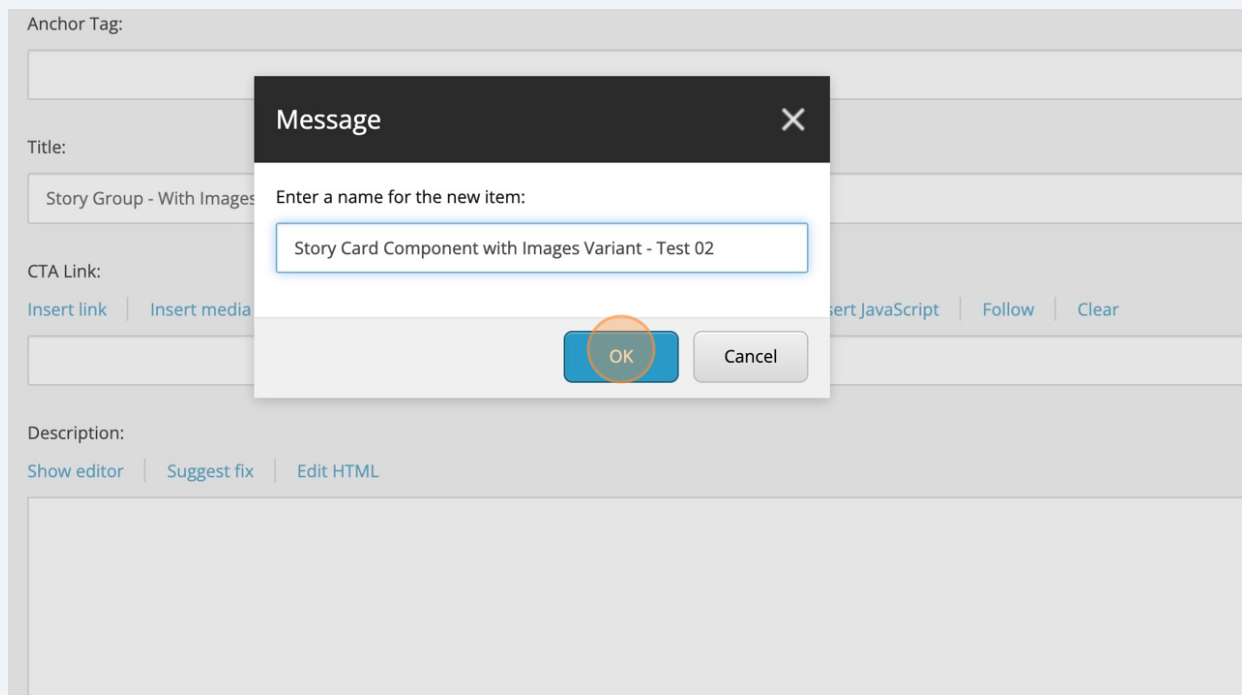
17 Click "Insert".



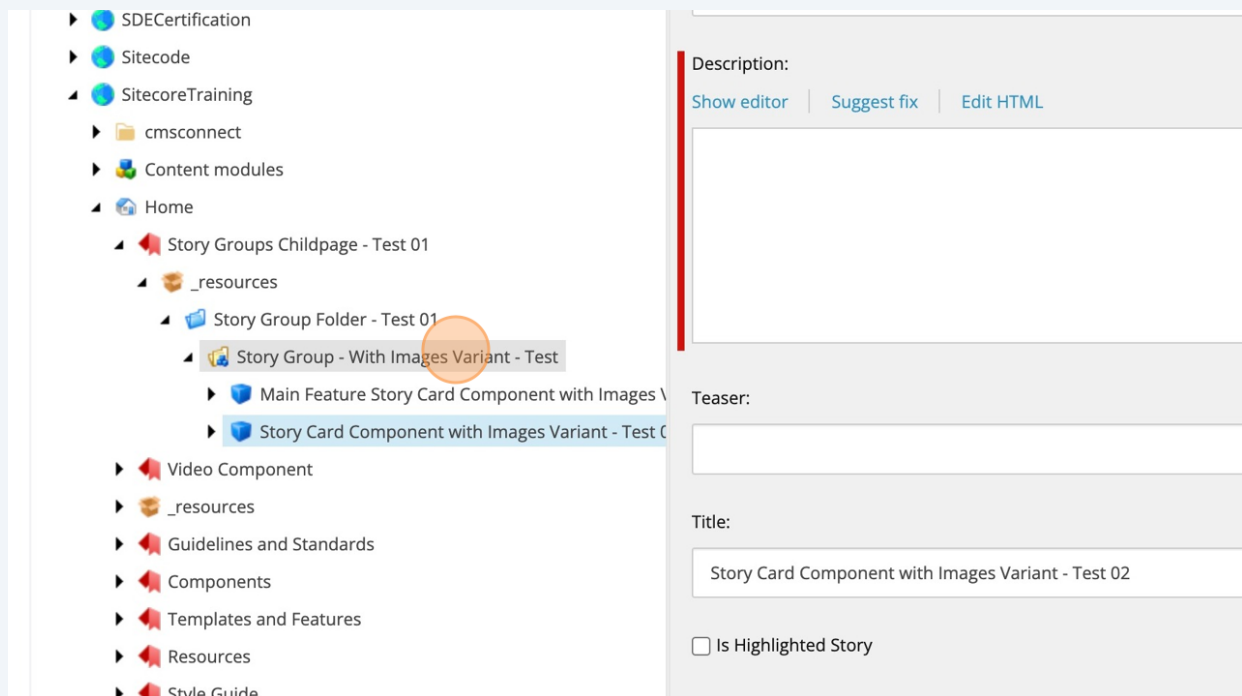
18 Click "Story Card" and add a name to the Story Card.



19 Click "OK".



20 Follow steps 11-19 to create the Second, Third and Fourth Story Card Components. You need only to change the Component Names for each.



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After you have completed the previous step, your page directory should resemble the example displayed below. Now it is time to itemize each Story Card.

The screenshot shows a page directory on the left and a story card editor on the right. The directory tree includes:

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- DECertification
- tecode
- tecoreTraining
- cmsconnect
- Content modules
- Home
- Story Groups Childpage - Test 01
- _resources
 - Story Group Folder - Test 01
 - Story Group - With Images Variant - Test
 - Main Feature Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 01
 - Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 02
 - Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 03
 - Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 04
- Video Component
- _resources
- Guidelines and Standards
- Components
- Templates and Features
- Resources

The story card editor on the right has the following fields and options:

- Description: (with links: [Show editor](#), [Suggest fix](#), [Edit HTML](#))
- Teaser:
- Title: Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 04
- ☐ Is Highlighted Story
- ☐ Display Video

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Click on the First Main Feature Story Card Component.

This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but with an orange circle highlighting the 'Main Feature Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 01' item in the directory tree. The story card editor on the right remains unchanged.

23 In the "Title field", add a title.

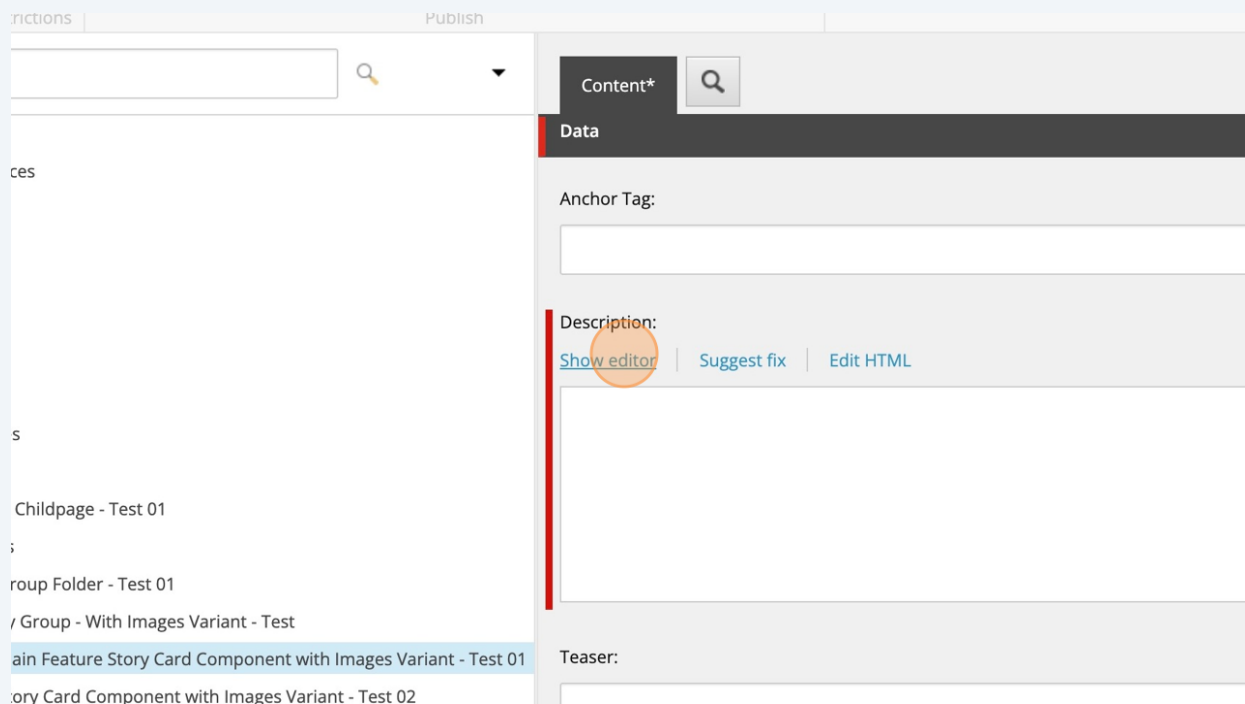
The screenshot shows a form editor interface. At the top, there is a large white rectangular area. Below it, the 'Teaser:' label is followed by an empty text input field. The 'Title:' label is followed by a text input field containing the text 'Main Feature Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 01'. This input field is highlighted with an orange circle. Below the title field, there are two checkboxes: 'Is Highlighted Story' and 'Display Video', both of which are currently unchecked.

24 Click in "Is Highlighted Story" as this will be your main story.

The screenshot shows a form editor interface with a sidebar on the left. The sidebar contains a tree view of the project structure, including 'Project', 'modules', 'Groups Childpage - Test 01', 'sources', 'Story Group Folder - Test 01', and 'Story Group - With Images Variant - Test'. The 'Main Feature Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 01' is selected and highlighted in blue. The main area of the editor shows the form fields. The 'Title:' field is filled with 'Test Title for Story Group with Images Variant 2 - Story 1'. The 'Is Highlighted Story' checkbox is highlighted with an orange circle. The 'Display Video' checkbox is also visible and unchecked. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with 'Editor', 'Media Library', and 'Workbox' tabs.

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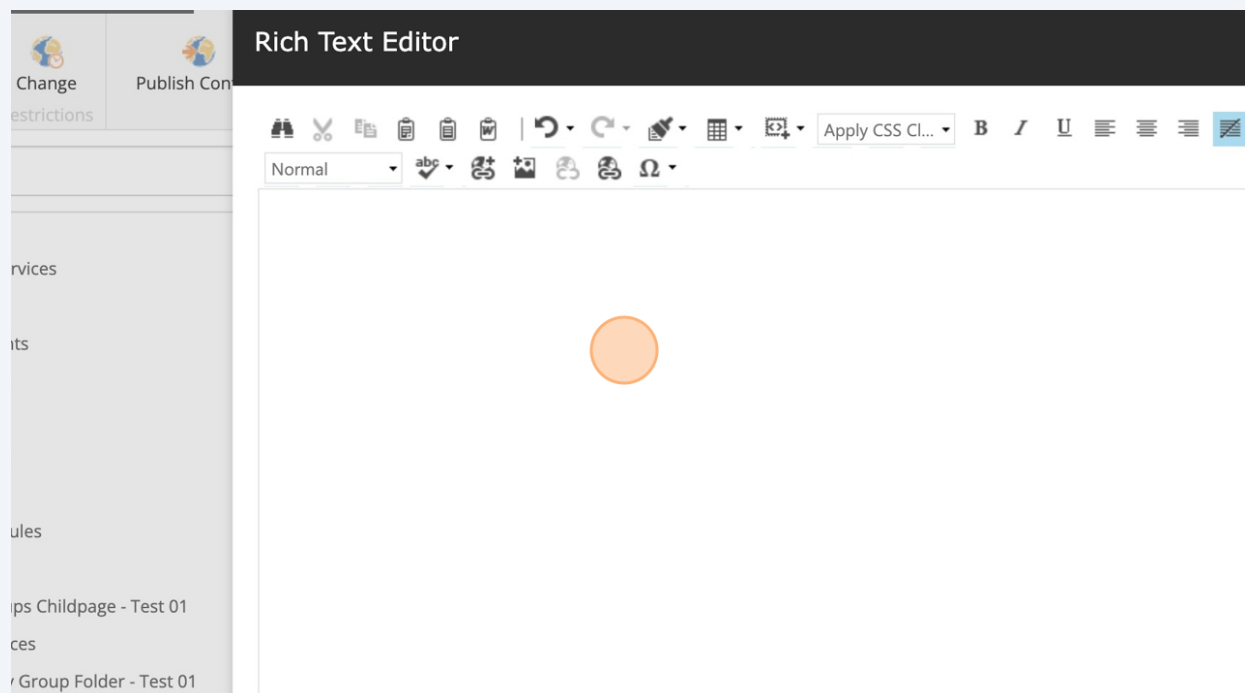
Click "Show Editor" in the "Description" section to add text copy for your Story Card.



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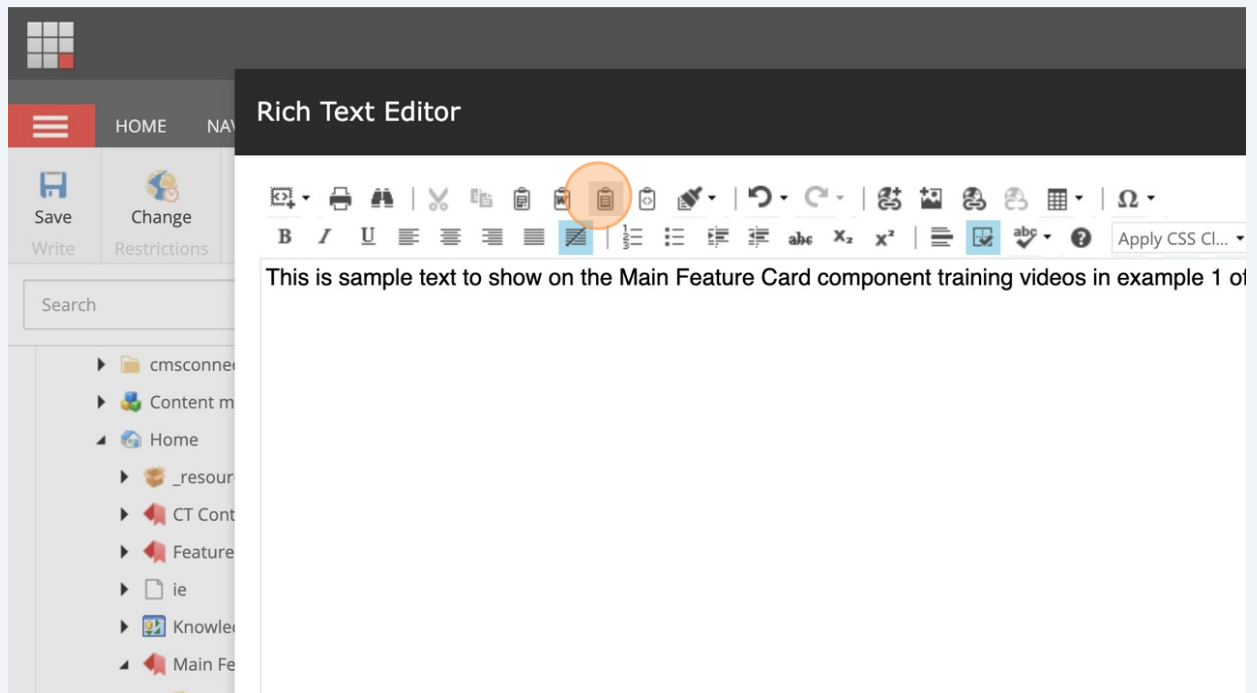
In the Rich text editor, add some text for your Main Story Card. Any content between 600- 900 characters is fine. Nothing too extensive. Click "Accept".

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** Only use simple text that has NO formatting if you are copy/pasting from a file, only simple text is allowed. If you are not sure how to do this, follow the next step.



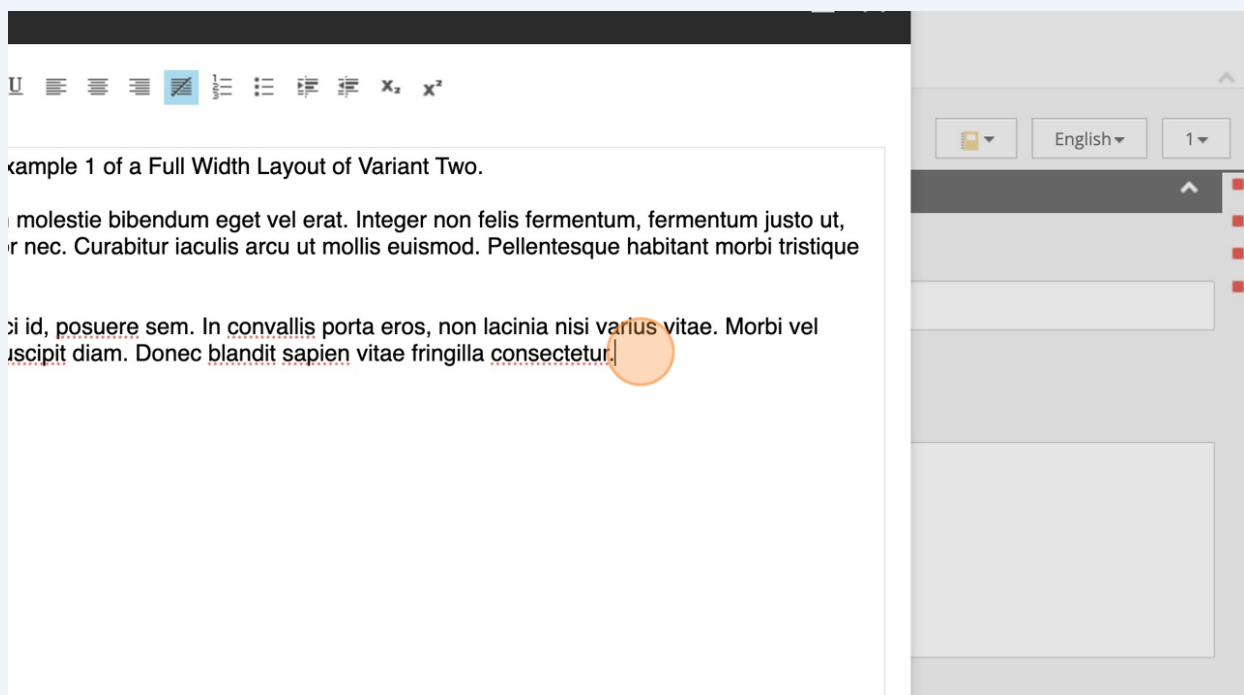
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Click here in the "Paste Plain Text" editor if you are pasting content from another file and want to REMOVE ALL FORMATTING from the content you are copying.

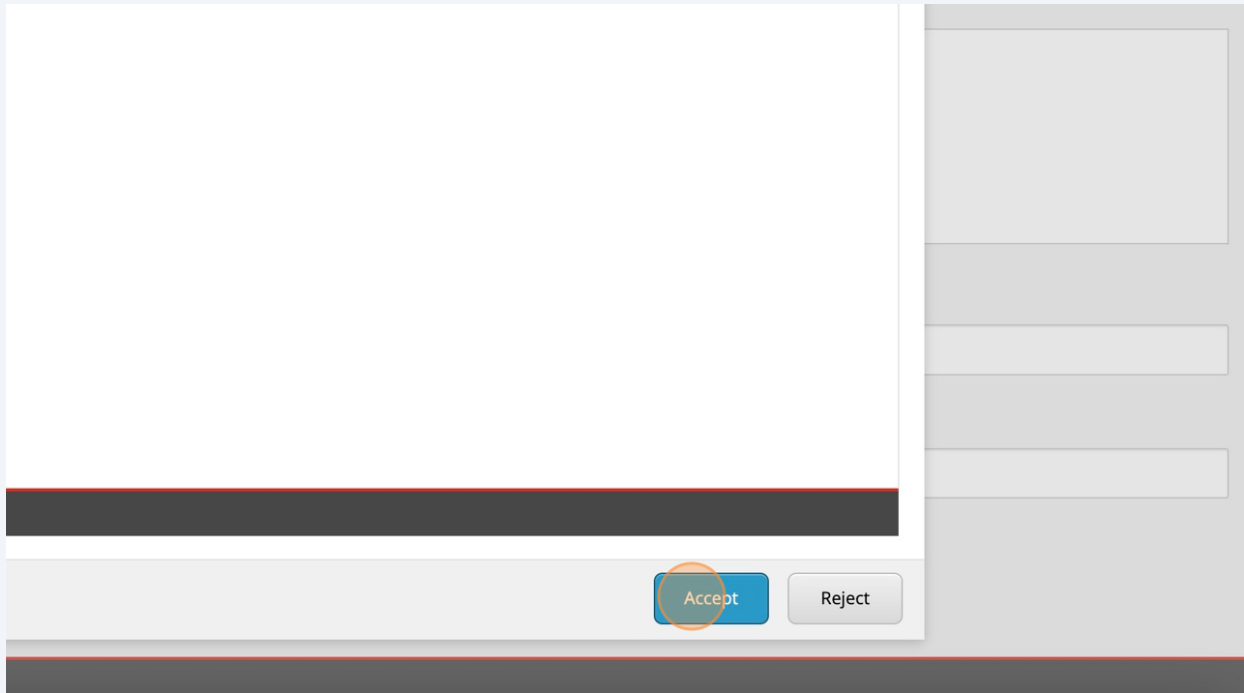


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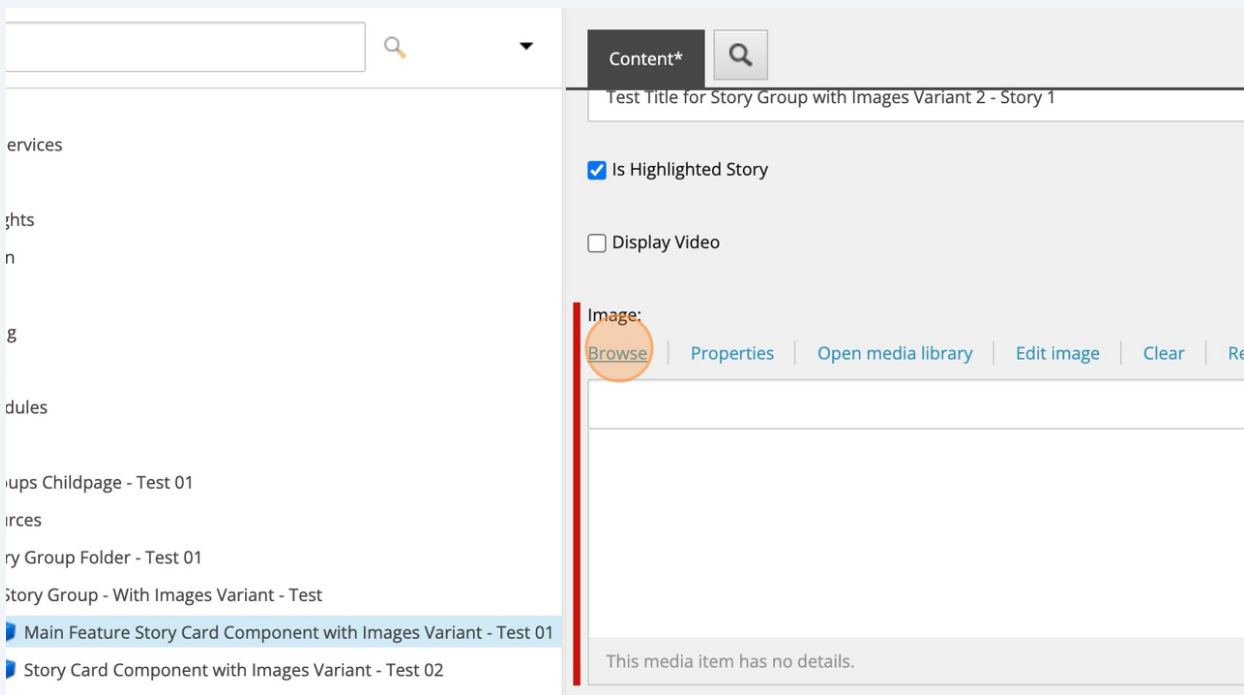
Make sure all your Story Card Copy is inserted correctly.



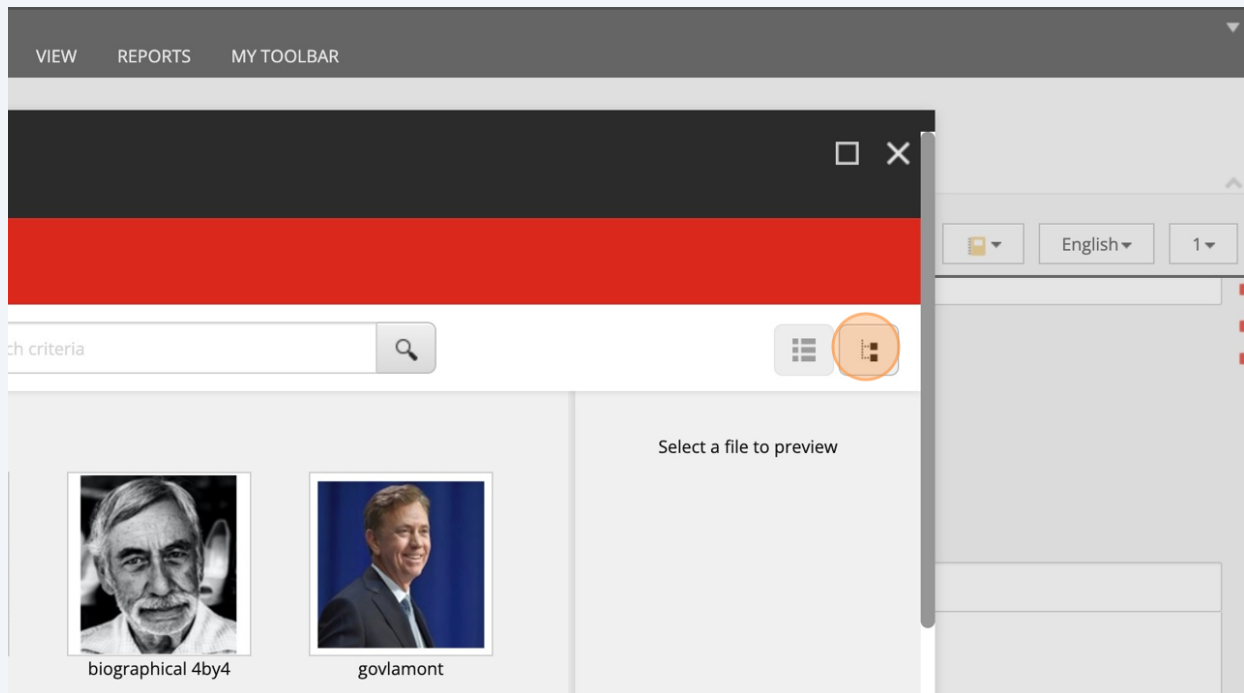
29 Click "Accept".



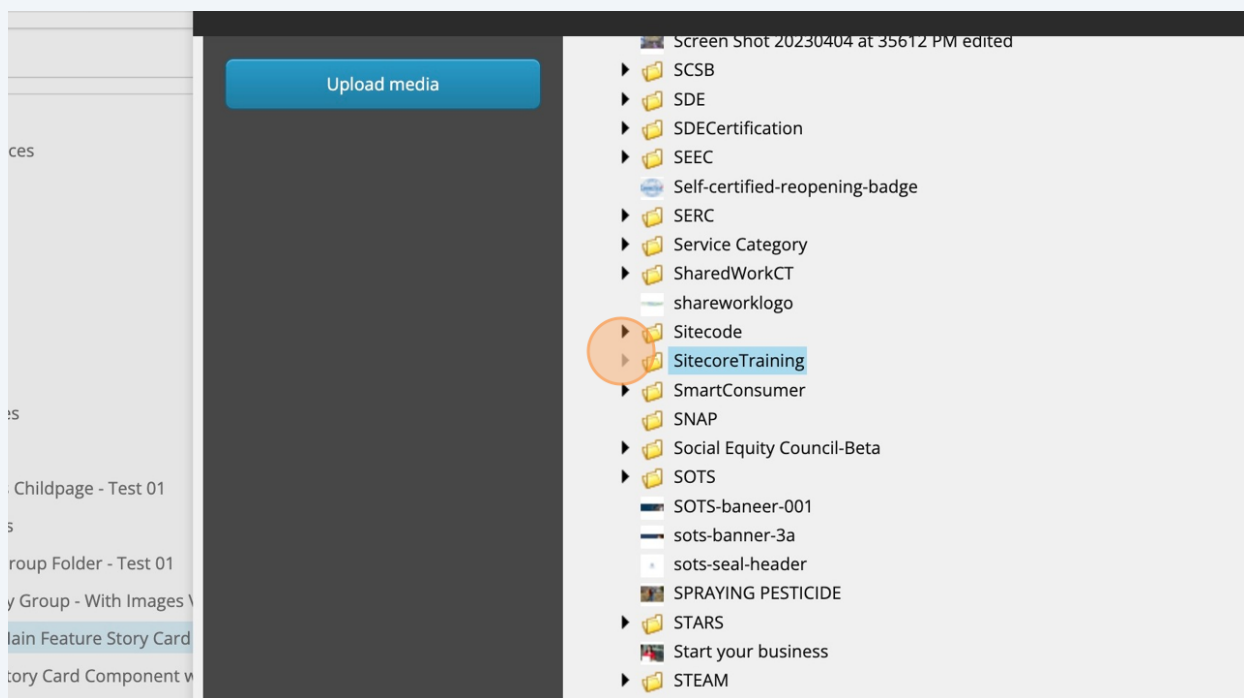
30 Move on to "Image" and click "Browse".



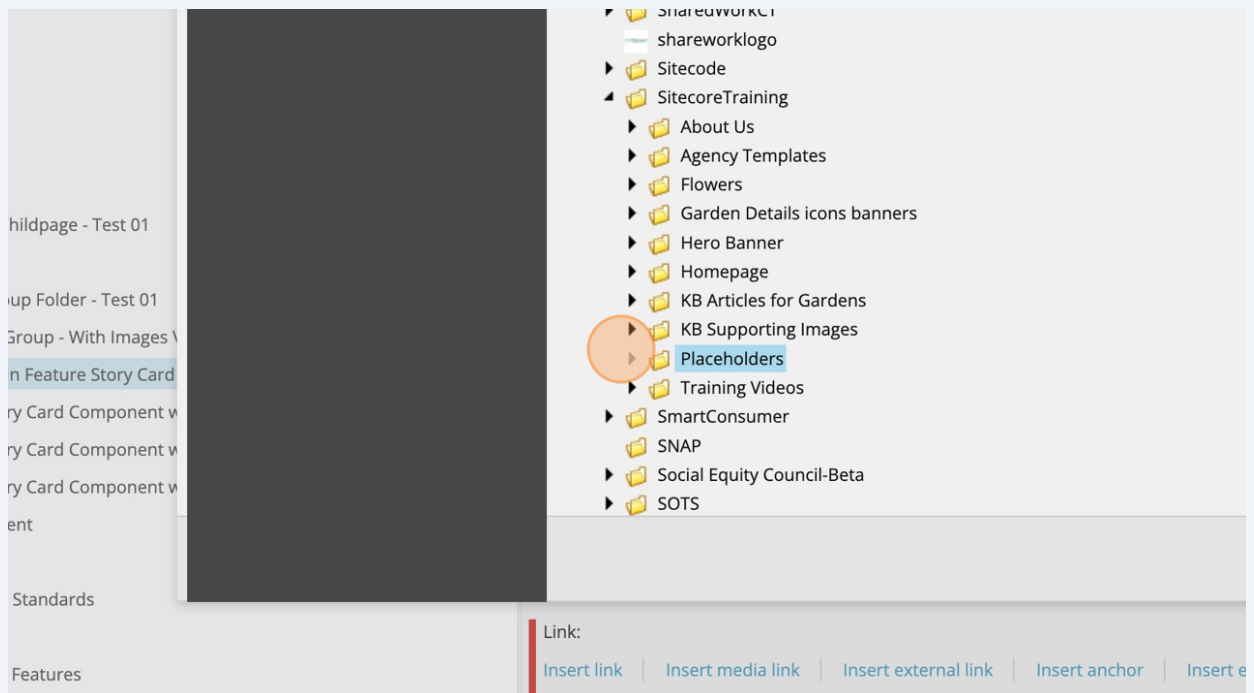
31 Click this button to expand the Sitecore "Media Library".



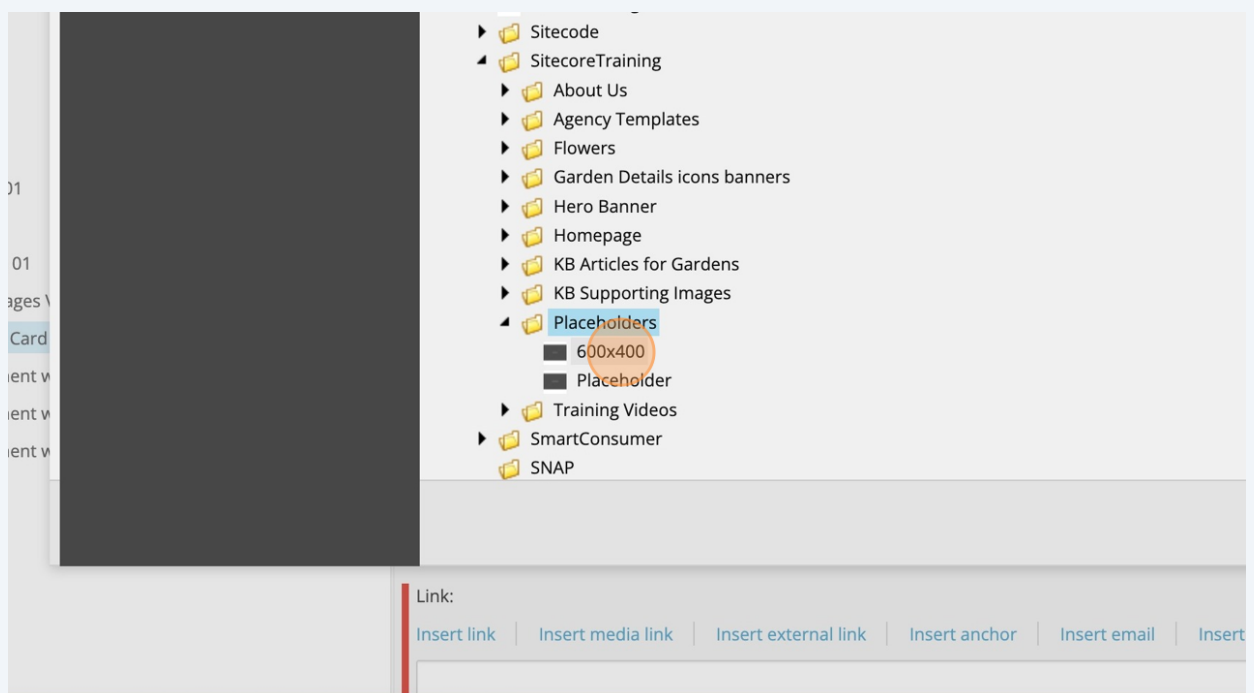
32 Locate the directory that you are using for your components' Media Files. For this example, click "Sitecore Training" to expand it.



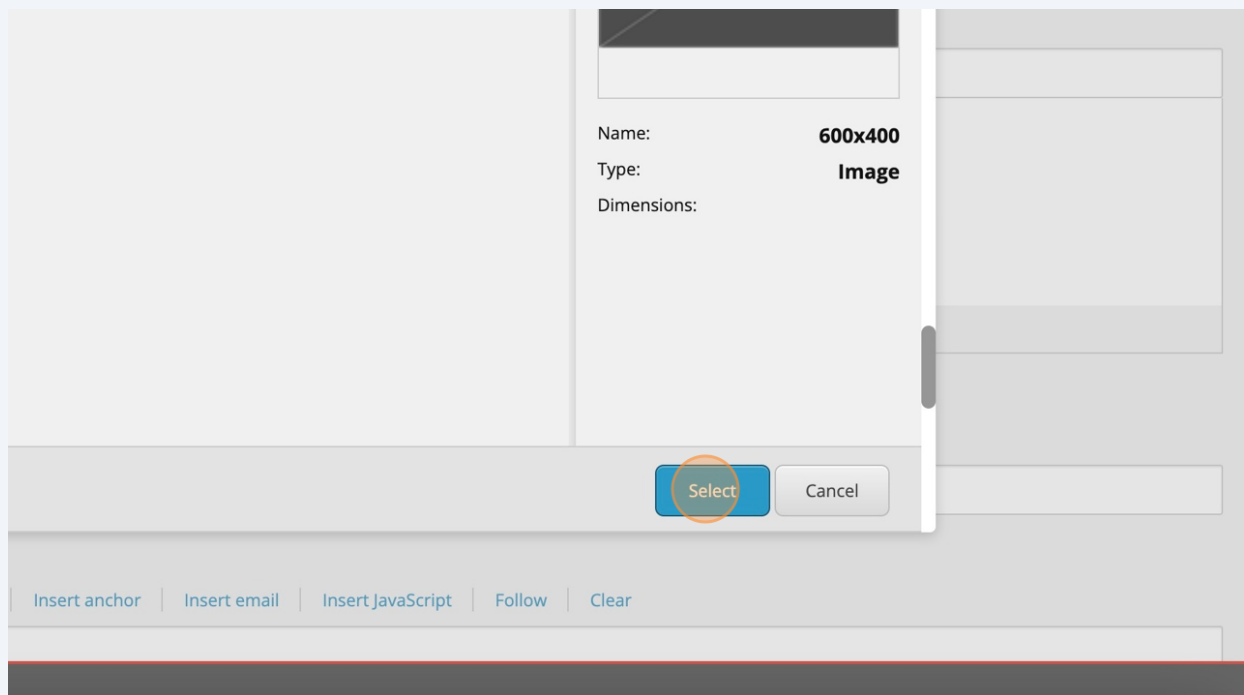
33 Locate the "Placeholders" folder and expand it.



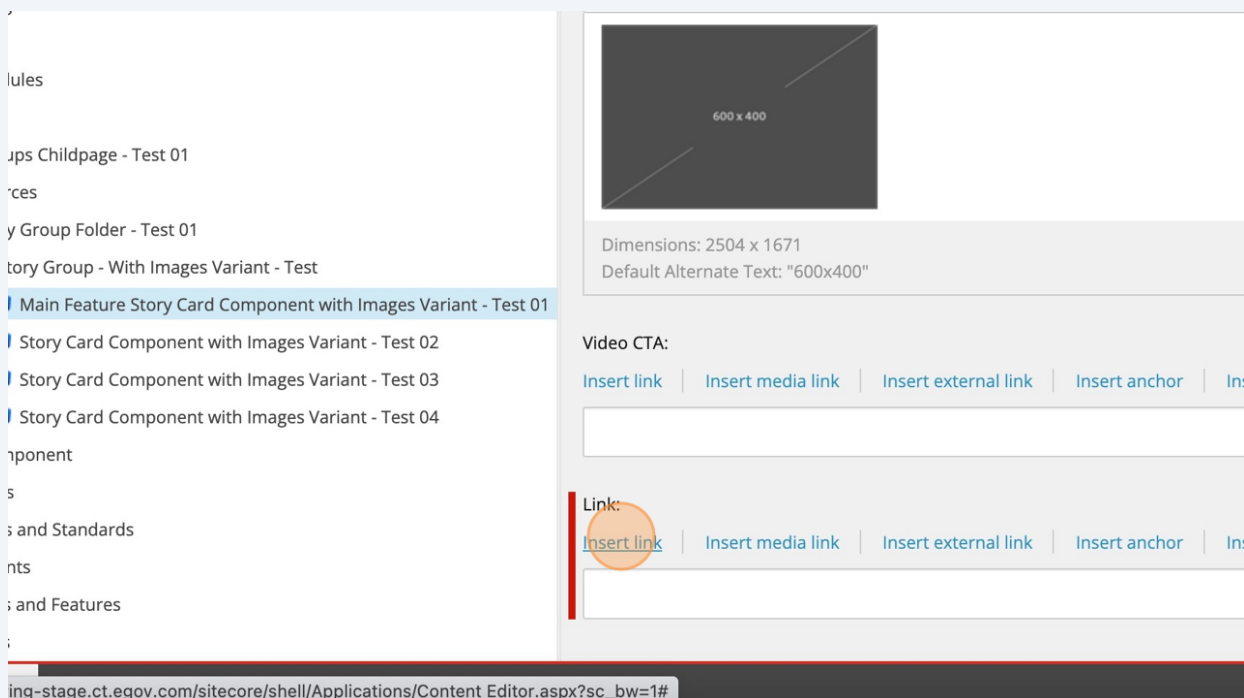
34 Click on the image named "600x400". For this demonstration, all 4 of our Story Cards in our Story Group will be using this placeholder image. *IMPORTANT NOTE. All images introduced into the Sitecore Media Library, for any component, must be 600x400 px and 72 dpi in size.



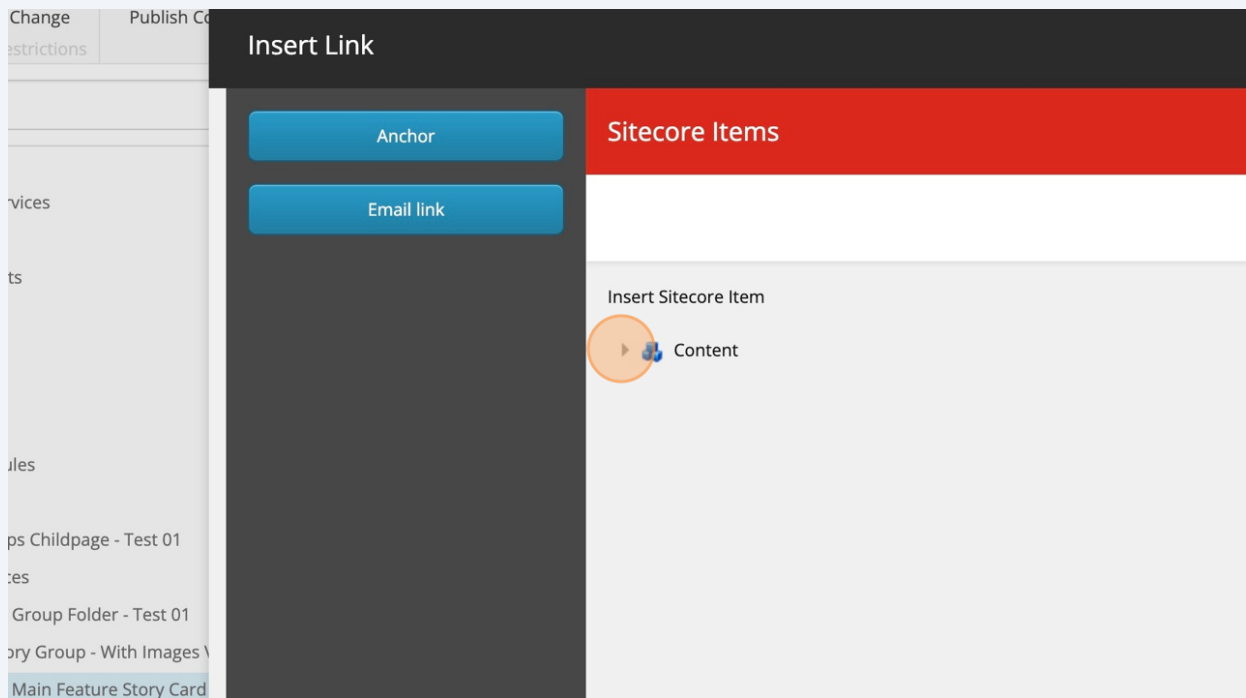
35 Click "Select".



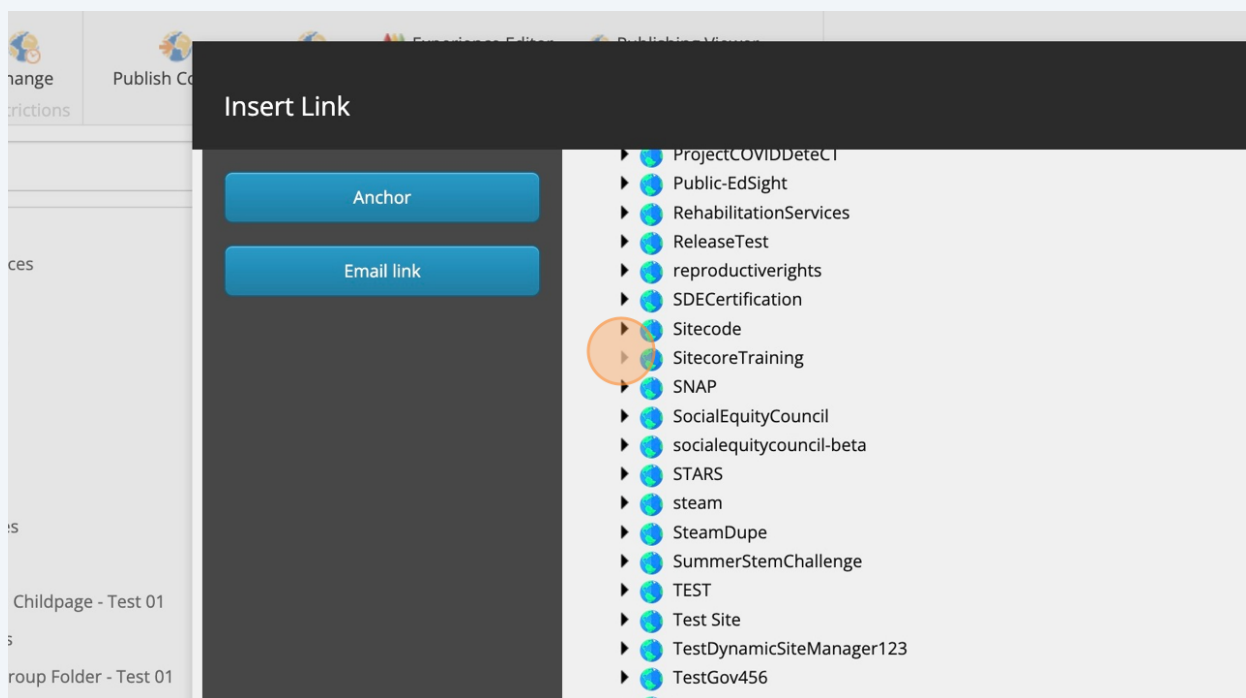
36 After you have inserted the image, move on to the "Link" field and click "Insert link".



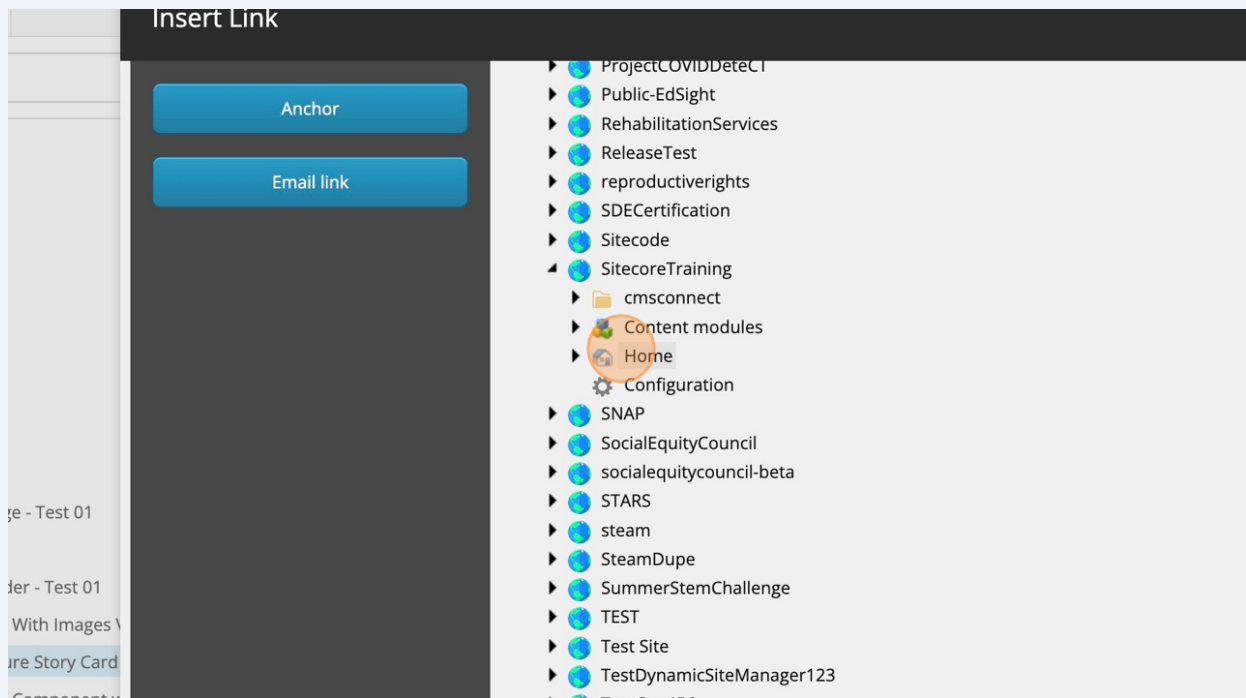
37 Click the arrow to expand "Content".



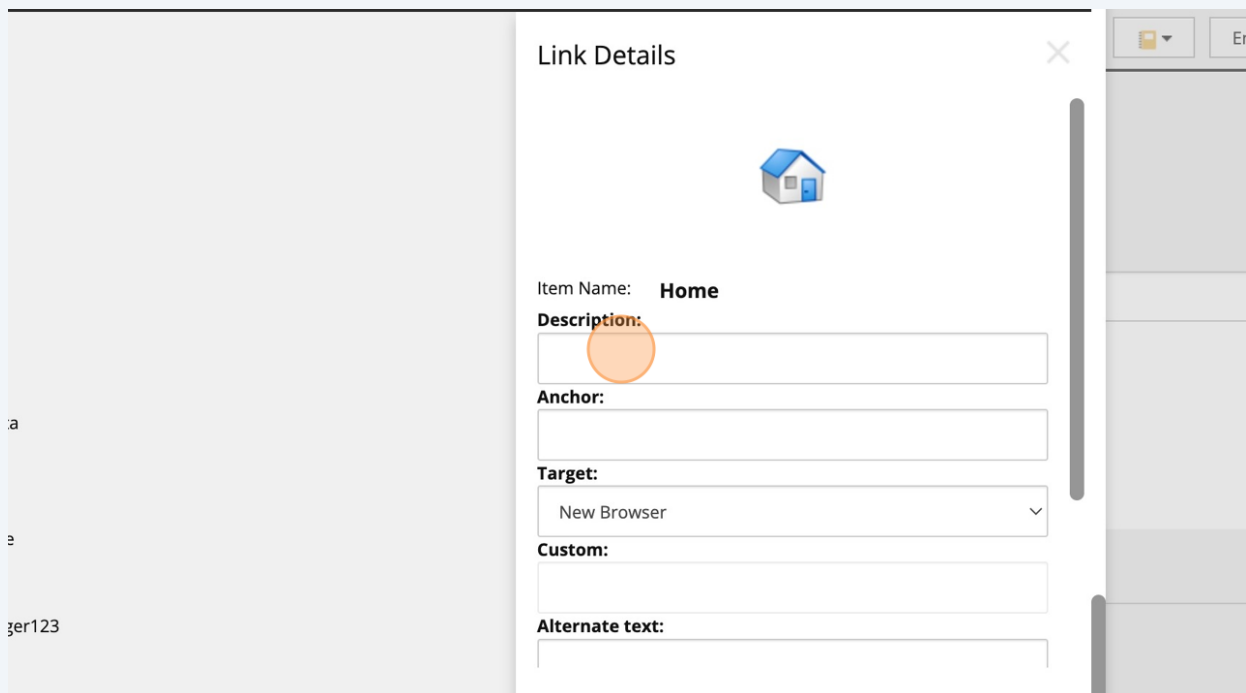
38 For this example, expand "Sitecore Training".



39 For our first Main Feature Story Card, click on "Home".

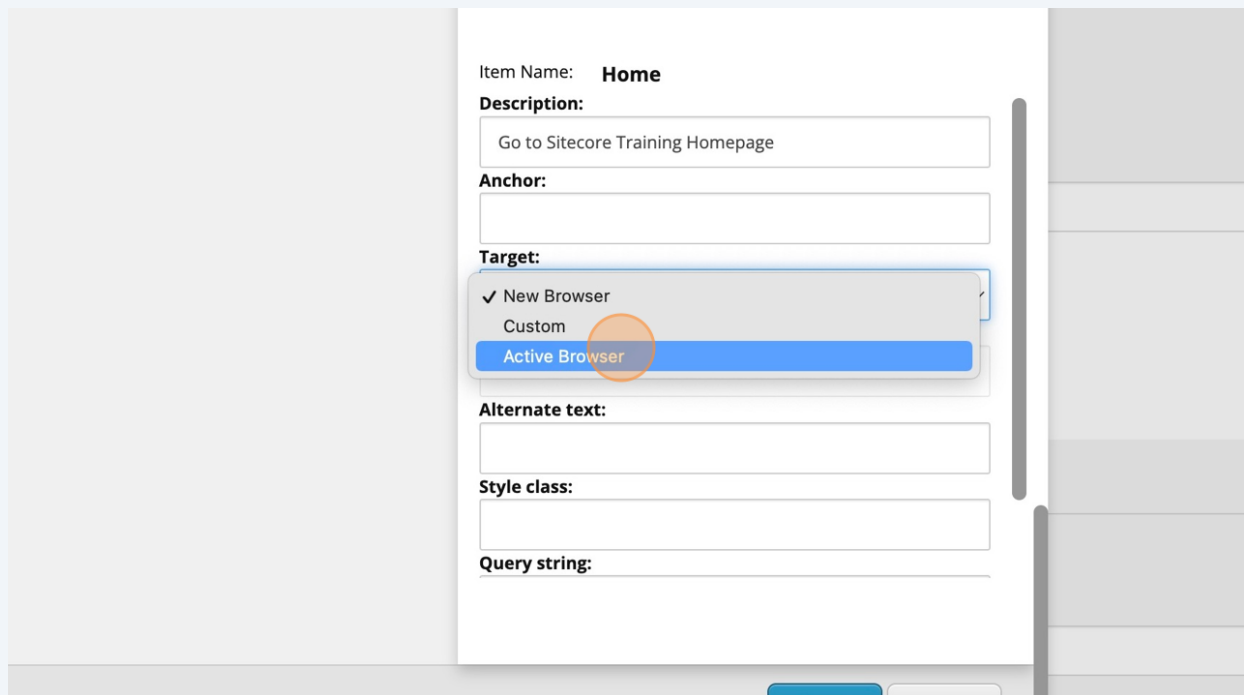


40 In the "Description" field, add a Call to Action. This CTA will be the button that requires the user to access the page where the content of the Story Card will point to.



41 In the "Target" dropdown, click "Active Browser".

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** Always use "Active Browser" if your link is pointing to an internal page within the same site structure. If you are using an external link that points to a foreign site or a separate [CT.gov](https://www.ct.gov) agency site, then select "New Browser" for the "Target" option. This will open the link in a new tab.

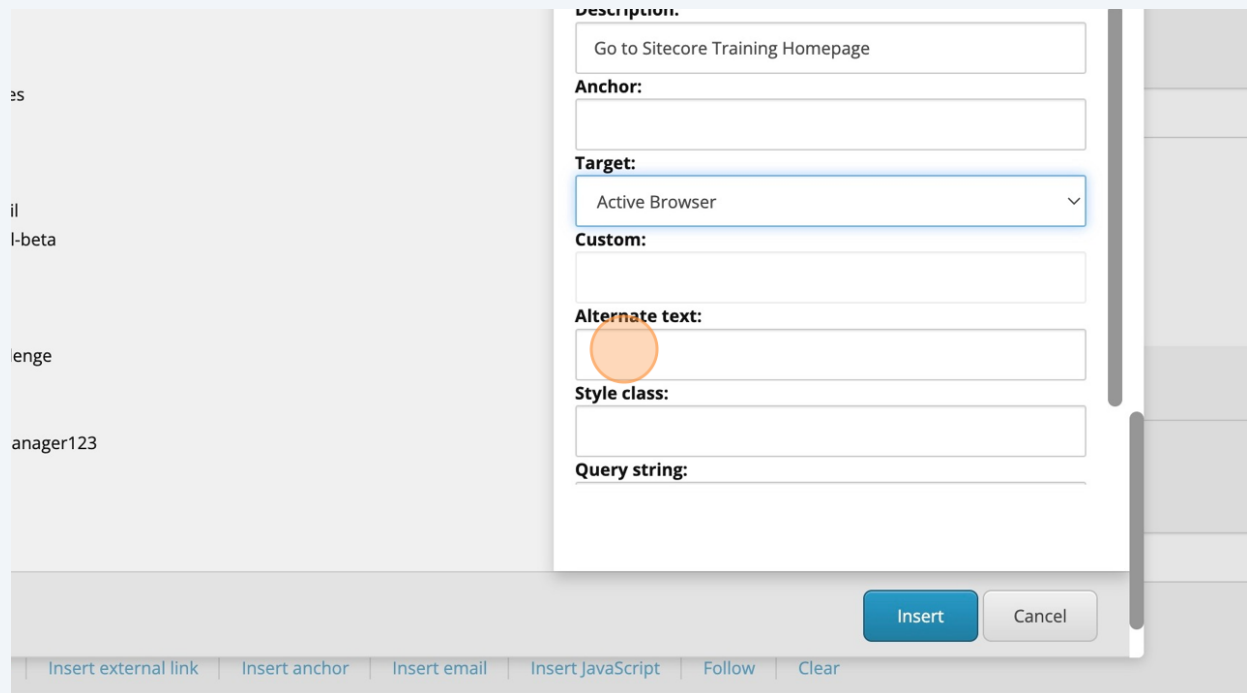


The screenshot shows a form with the following fields:

- Item Name:** Home
- Description:** Go to Sitecore Training Homepage
- Anchor:** (empty text box)
- Target:** A dropdown menu is open, showing three options: "New Browser" (checked), "Custom", and "Active Browser" (highlighted with a blue bar and an orange circle).
- Alternate text:** (empty text box)
- Style class:** (empty text box)
- Query string:** (empty text box)

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In the Alternative Text field, add the same text as you did in "Description", we want all users to have access to the same call to action. Click "Insert".



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Description:

Go to Sitecore Training Homepage

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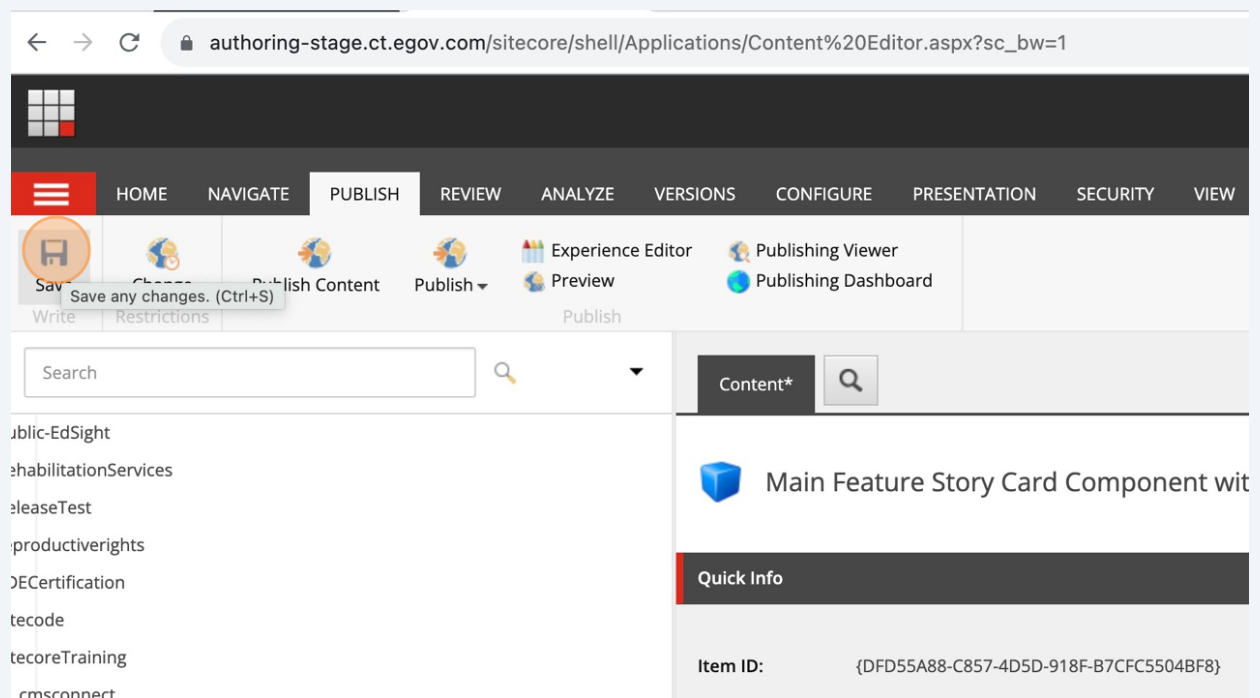
Query string:

Insert Cancel

Insert external link Insert anchor Insert email Insert JavaScript Follow Clear

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After completing your first Main Feature Story Card, go to the "Publish" tab and click "Save" in the top left corner of the Sitecore Content Editor.



← → ↺ authoring-stage.ct.egov.com/sitecore/shell/Applications/Content%20Editor.aspx?sc_bw=1

HOME NAVIGATE **PUBLISH** REVIEW ANALYZE VERSIONS CONFIGURE PRESENTATION SECURITY VIEW

Save any changes. (Ctrl+S) Publish Content Publish Experience Editor Publishing Viewer Publishing Dashboard

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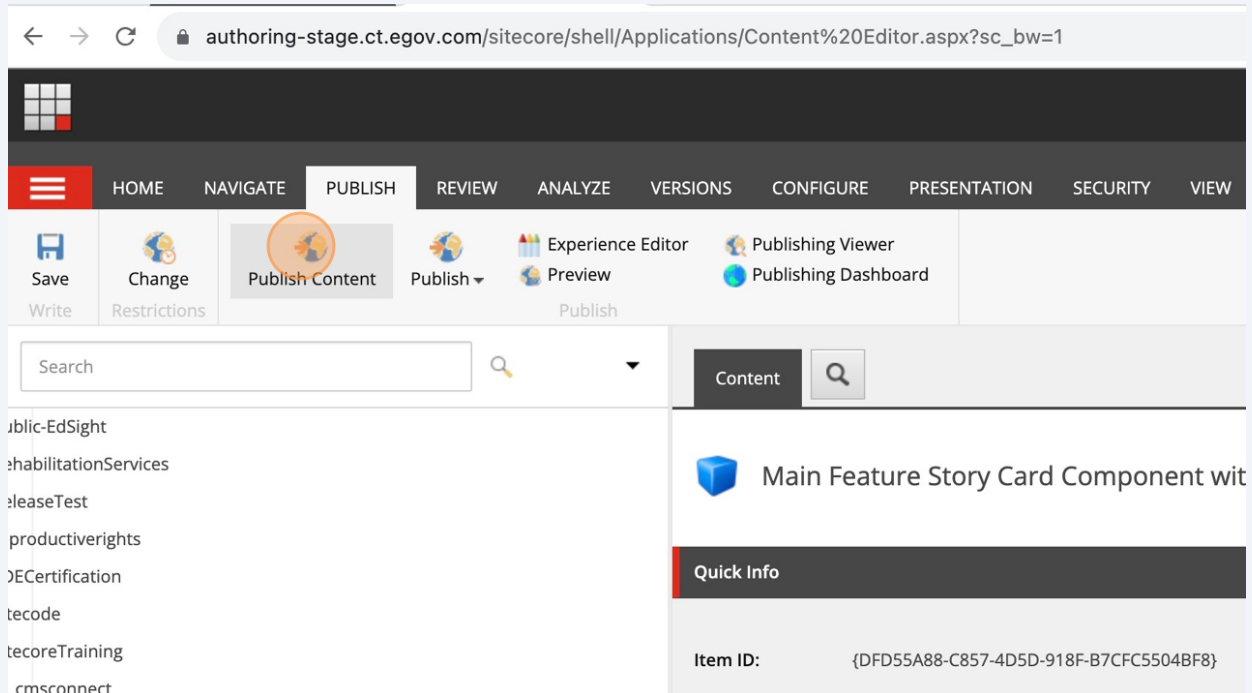
Main Feature Story Card Component with

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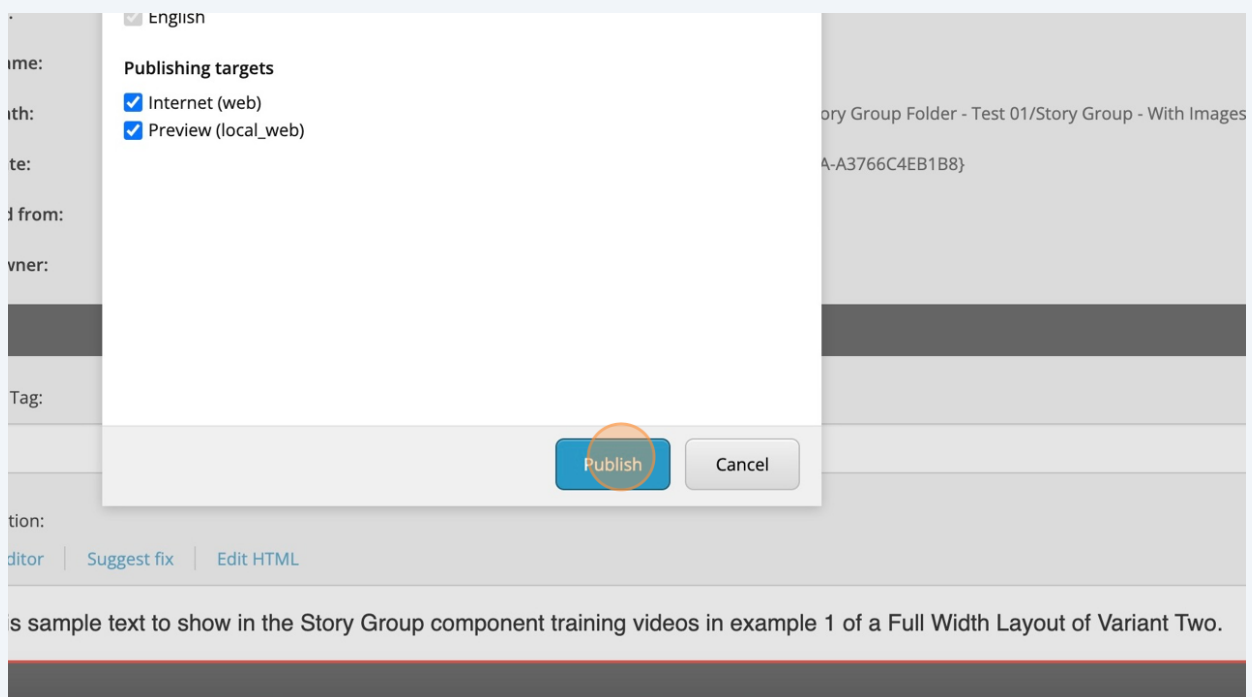
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44 Click on "Publish Content".

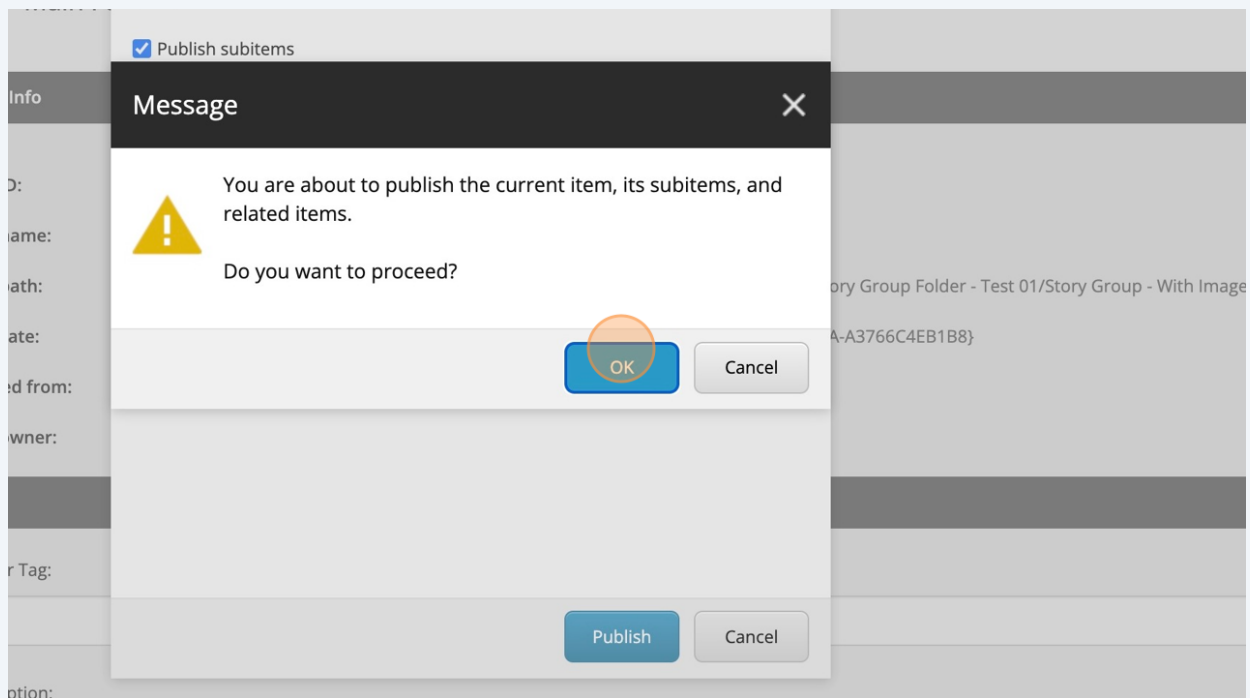
- **IMPORTANT NOTE.** ALWAYS USE the "PUBLISH CONTENT" option when working from the Staging Environment. Never click on "Publish" or any of it's drop down options



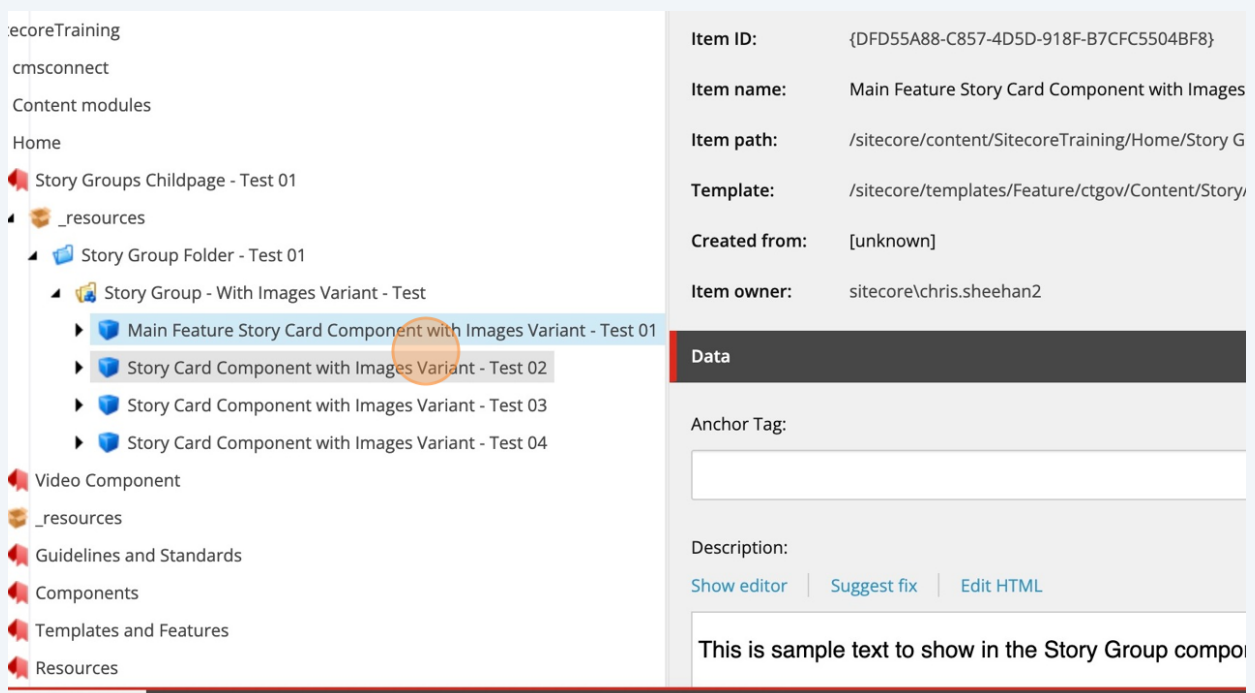
45 In the Pop-up window that shows up, click "Publish".



46 Click "OK". Then click "Close".



47 Next, move on to the next Story Card Component and click it.



48 In the "Title field", add a title.

variant - Test 01

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Teaser:

Title:

Test Title for Story Group Standard Variant 1 - Story 2

☐ Is Highlighted Story

☐ Display Video

Image:

[Browse](#) | [Properties](#) | [Open media library](#) | [Edit image](#) | [Clear](#) | [Refresh](#)

49 Click "Show Editor" to add a rich text description for your Story Card.

Change restrictions

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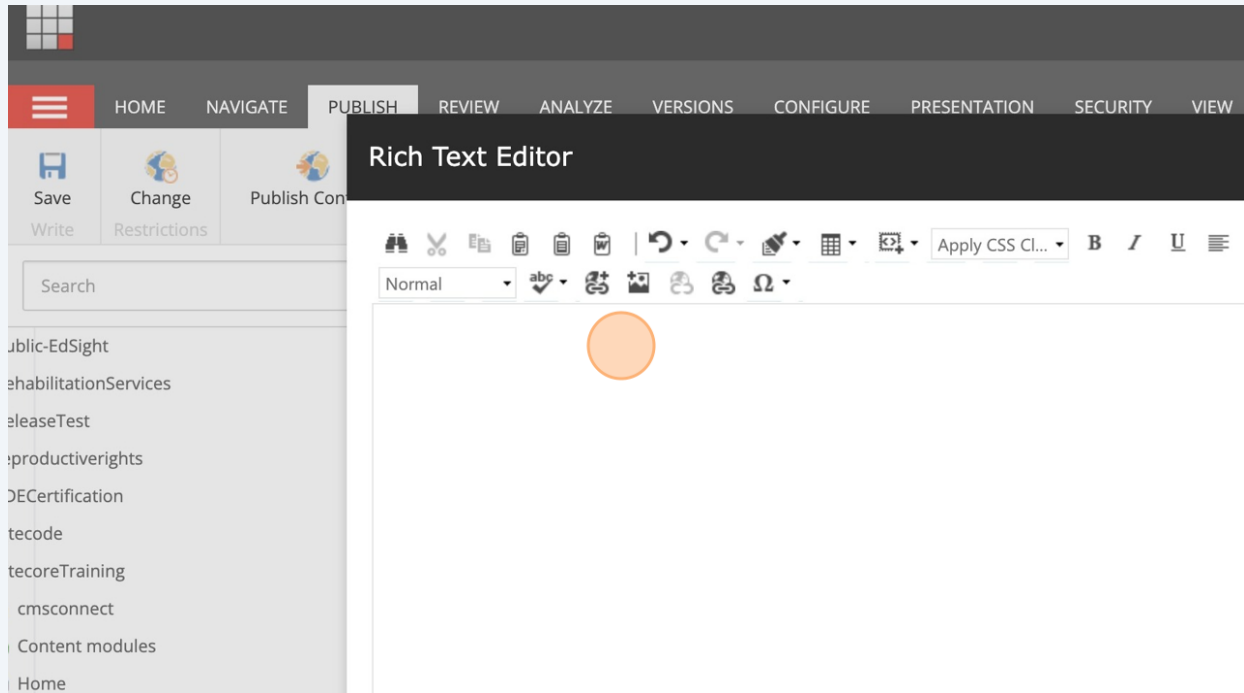
Description:

[Show editor](#) | [Suggest fix](#) | [Edit HTML](#)

Teaser:

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For this Second Story Card case, you can avoid adding a description because Story Groups with Images only display copy for the first Highlighted Main Feature Story. Any other stories added into the group will only display Images, Titles and CTAs. (This will apply for the third and forth Story Cards as well in this lesson). Close this pop-up.



51 Move on to "Image" and click "Browse".

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☐ Is Highlighted Story

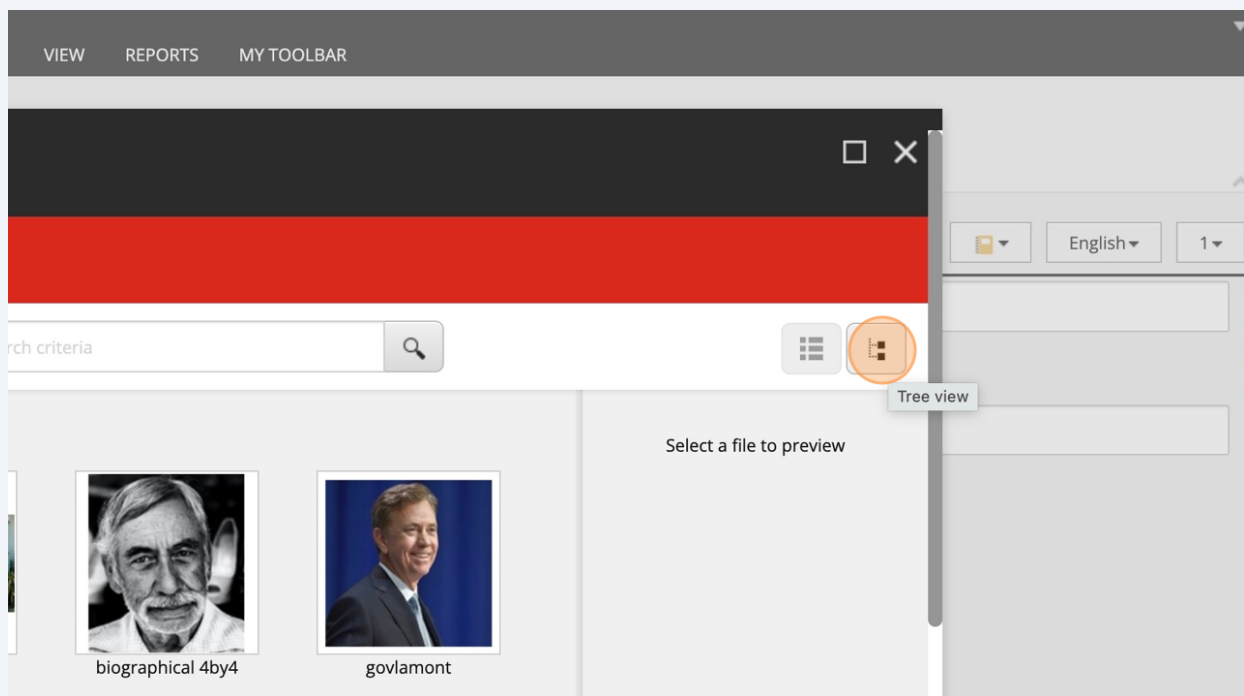
☐ Display Video

Image:

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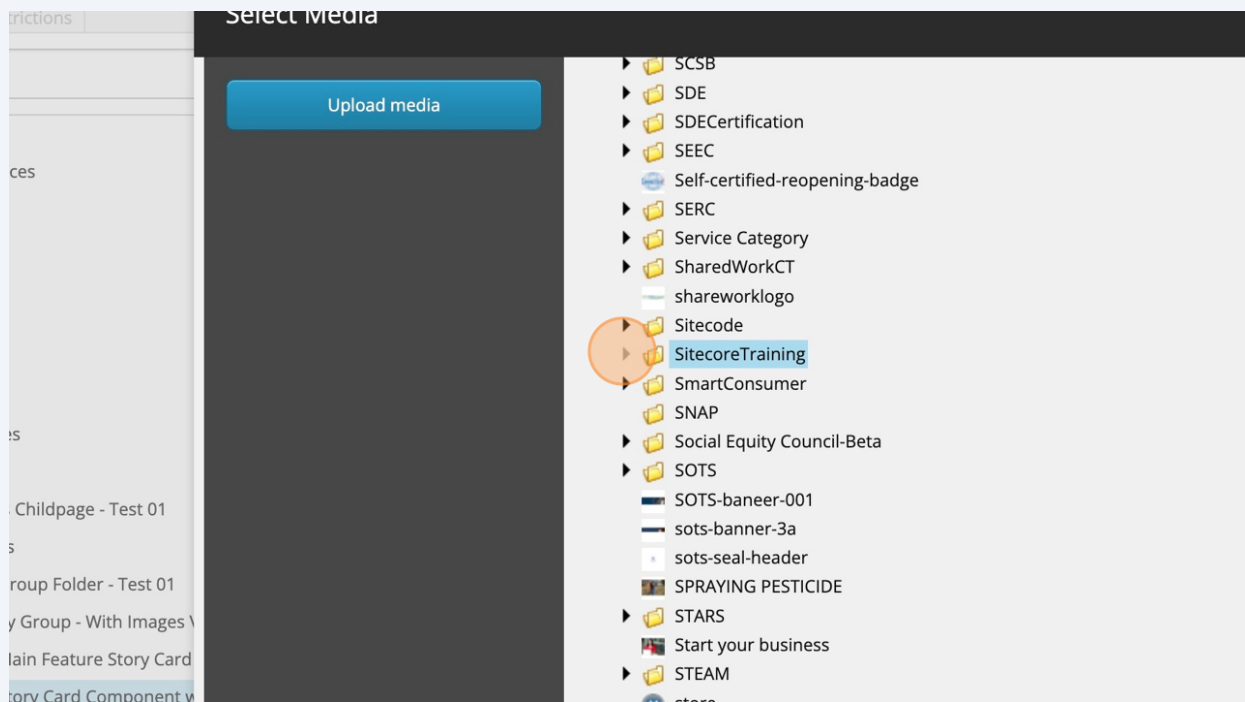
This media item has no details.

52 Click this button to expand the Sitecore "Media Library".



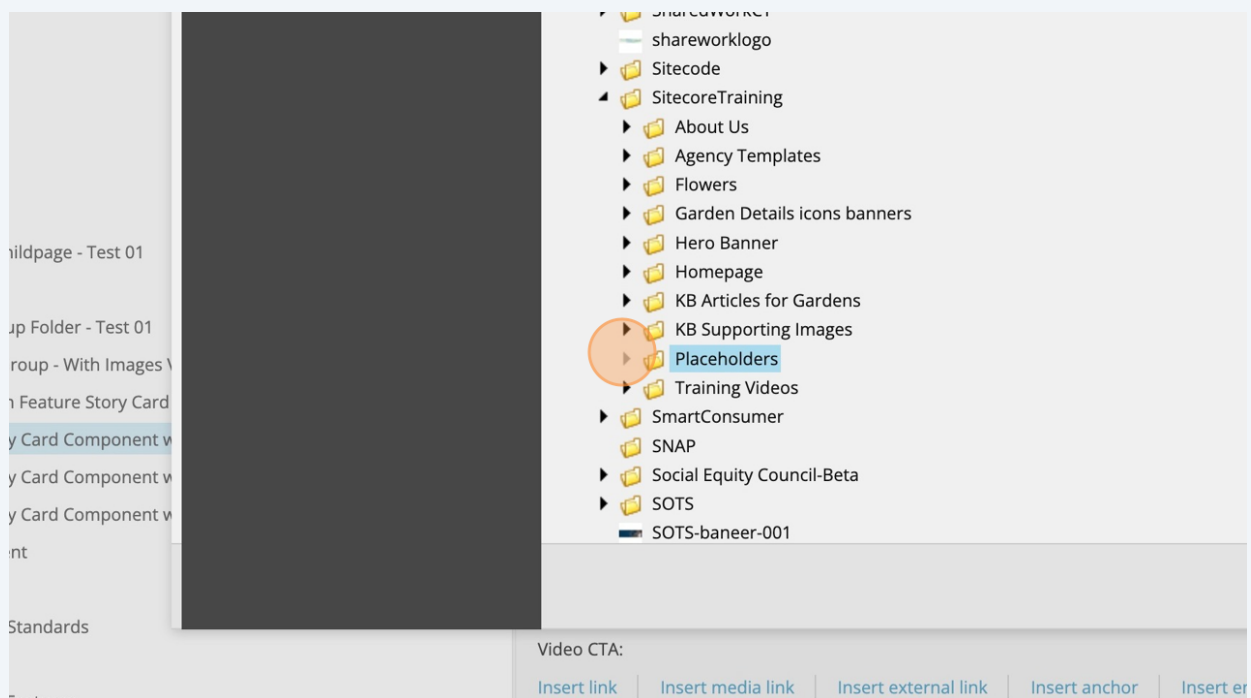
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Locate the directory that you are using for your components' Media Files. For this example, click "Sitecore Training" to expand it.

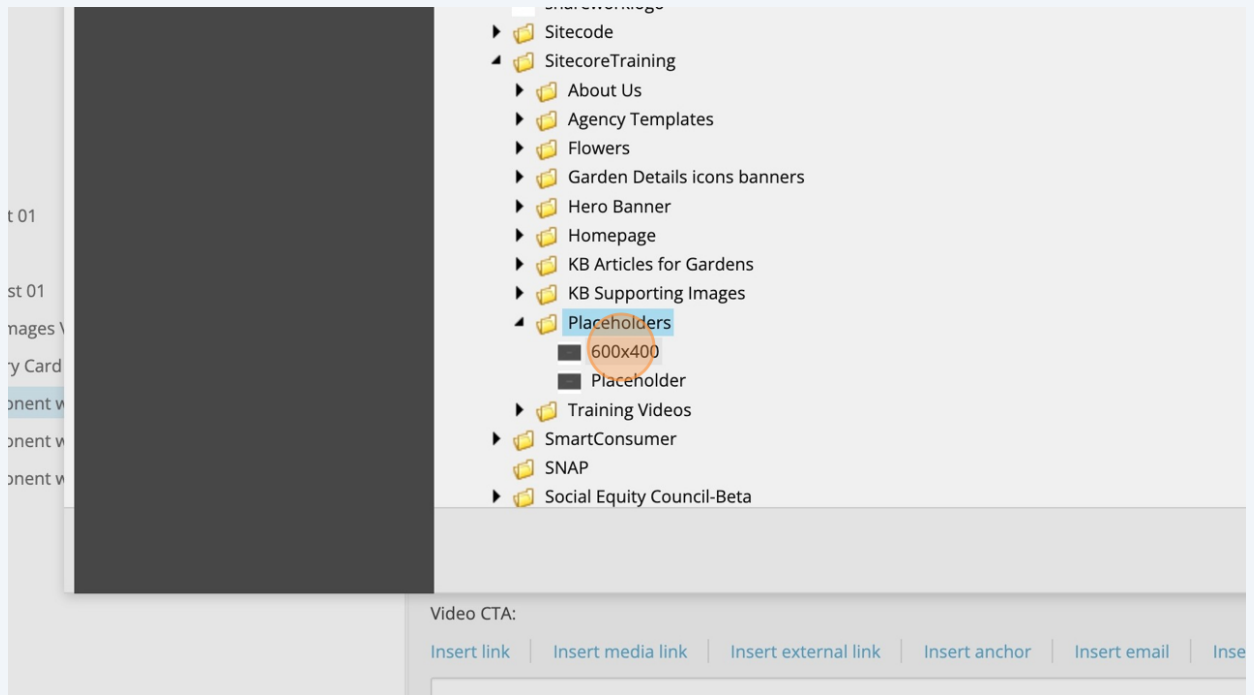


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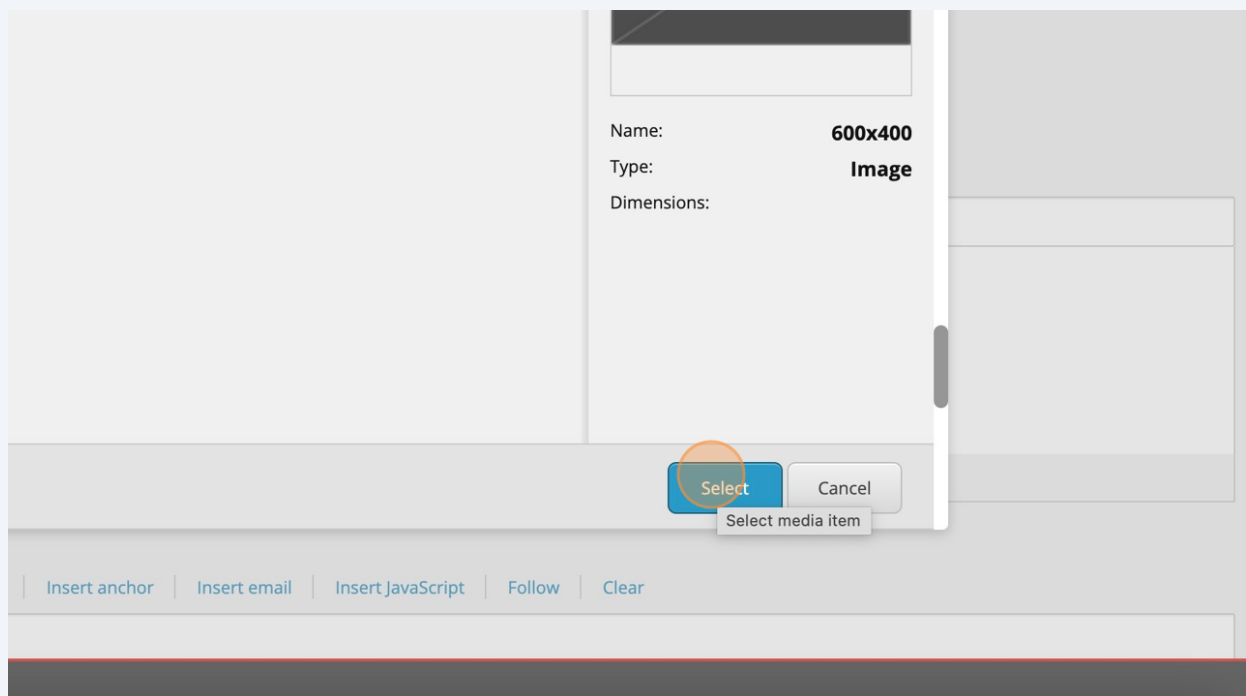
Locate the "Placeholders" folder and expand it.



55 Click on the image named "600x400".

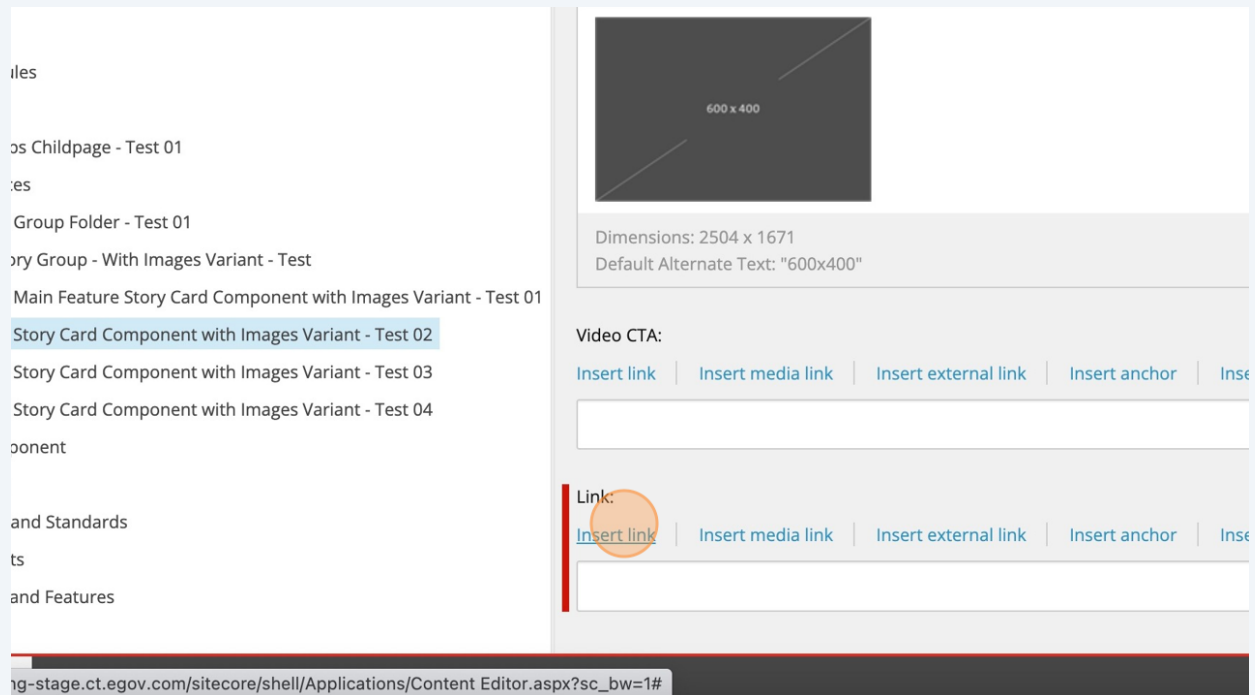


56 Click "Select".



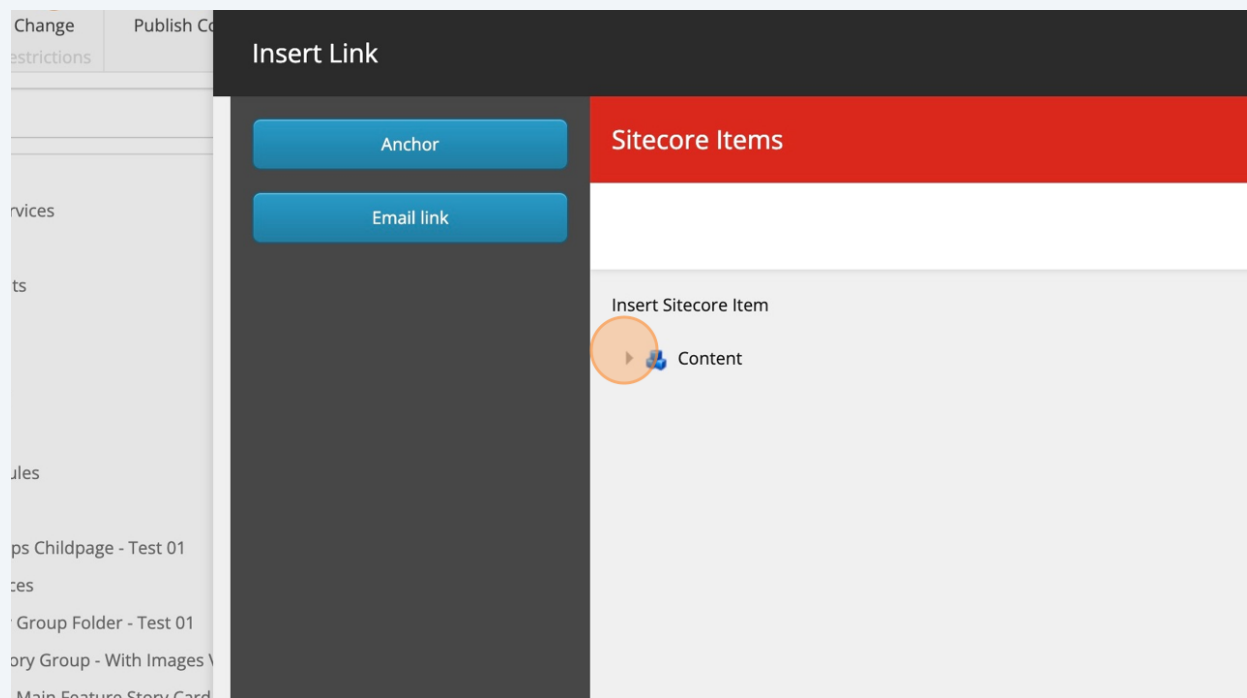
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After you have inserted the image, Move on to the "Link" field and click "Insert link".

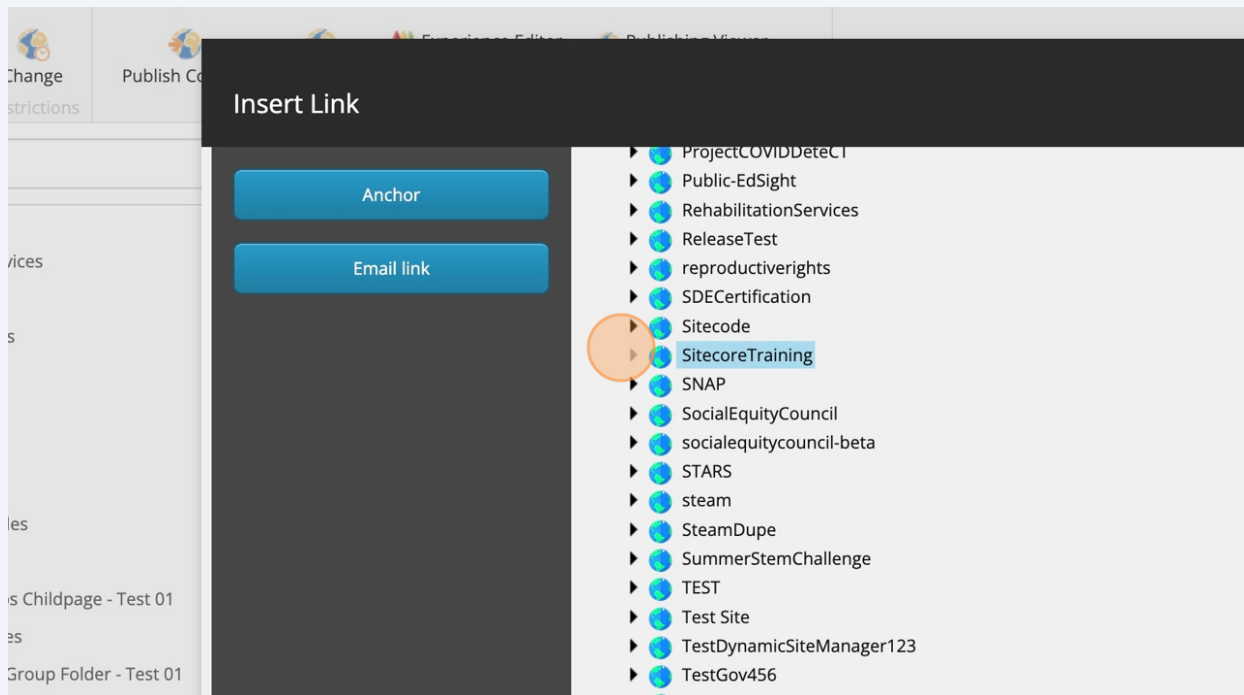


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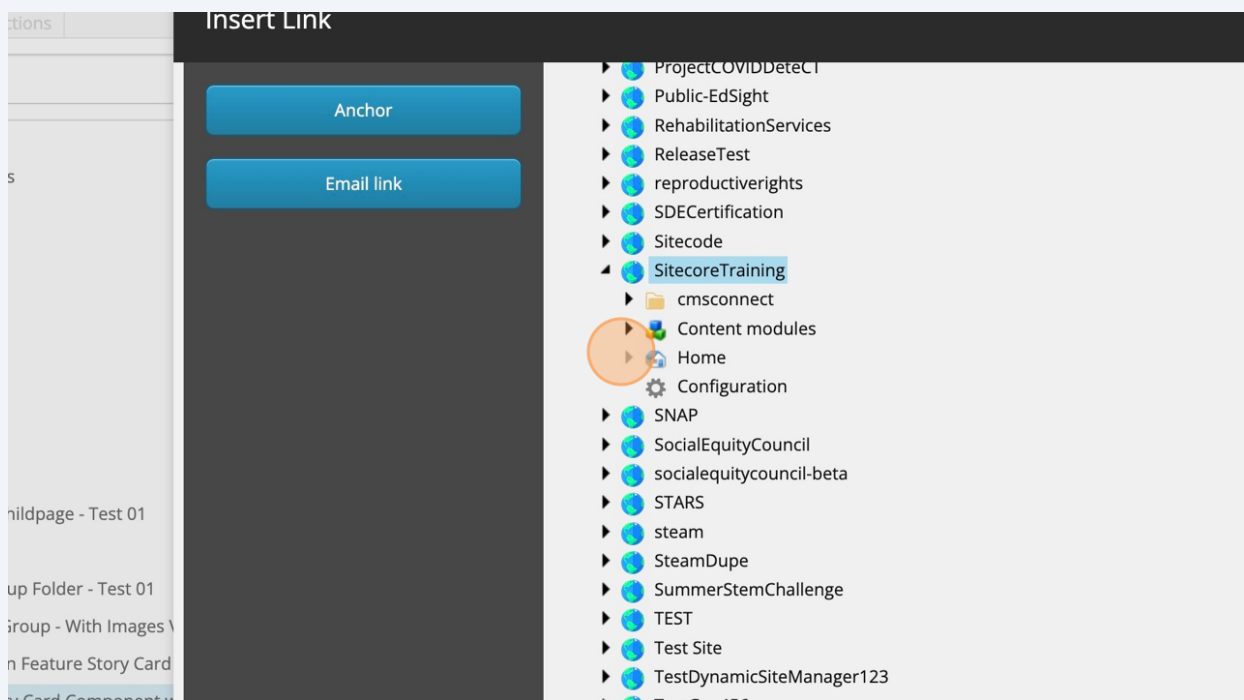
Click the arrow to expand "Content".



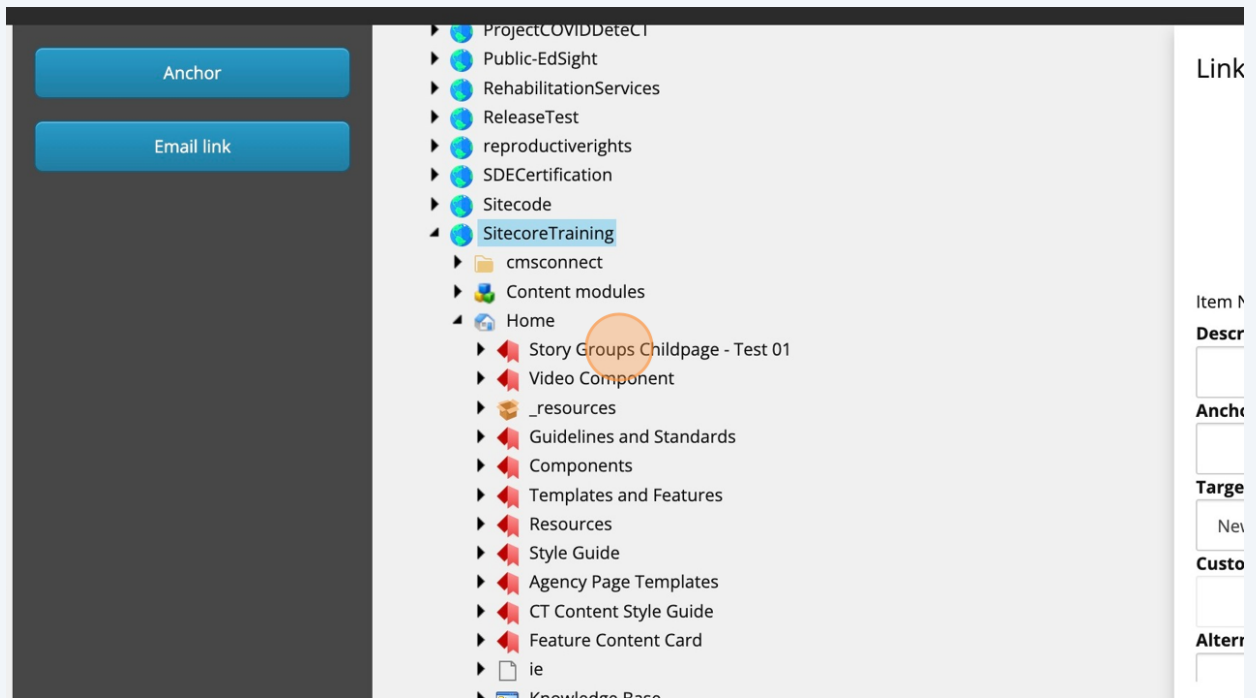
59 For this example, expand "Sitecore Training".



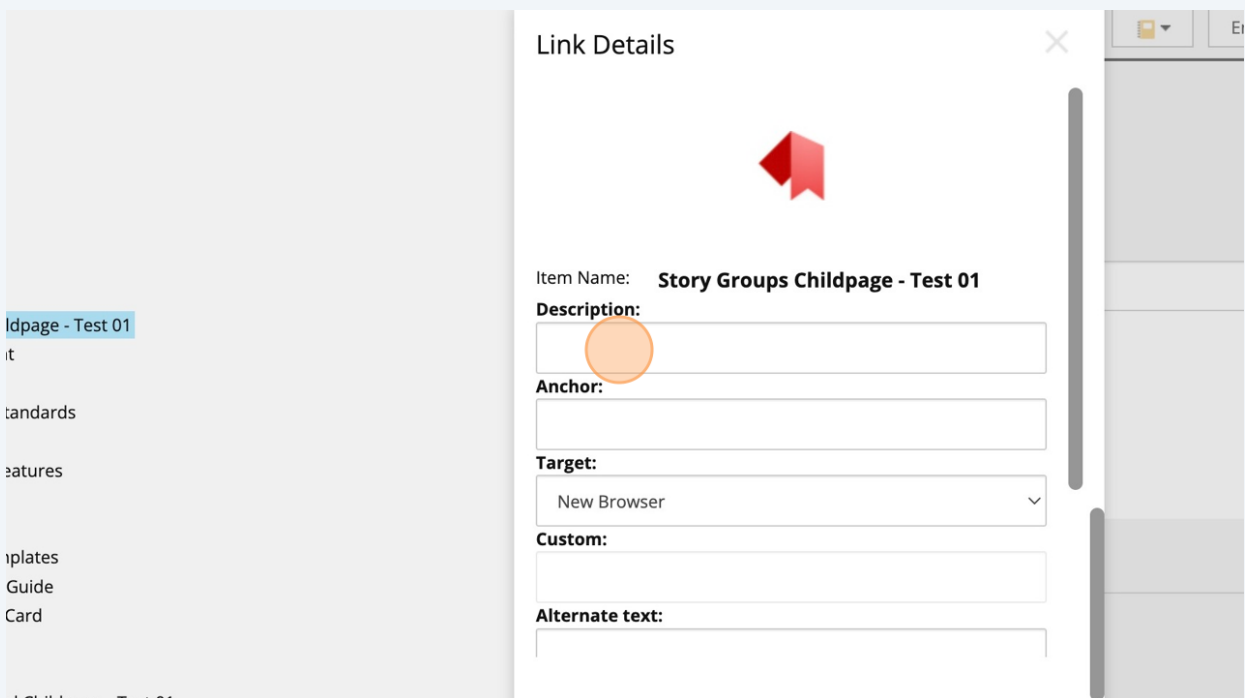
60 For our second Story Card, click and expand "Home".



61 Then, click on "Story Groups Childpage" for this example.



62 In the "Description" field, add a Call to Action.



63 In the "Target" dropdown, click "Active Browser".

Item Name: **Story Groups Childpage - Test 01**

Description: Learn about Story Card Components

Anchor:

Target:

- ✓ New Browser
- Custom
- Active Browser**

Alternate text:

Insert Cancel

64 In the Alternative Text field, add the same text as you did in "Description", we want all users to have access to the same call to action.

Description: Learn about Story Card Components

Anchor:

Target: Active Browser

Custom:

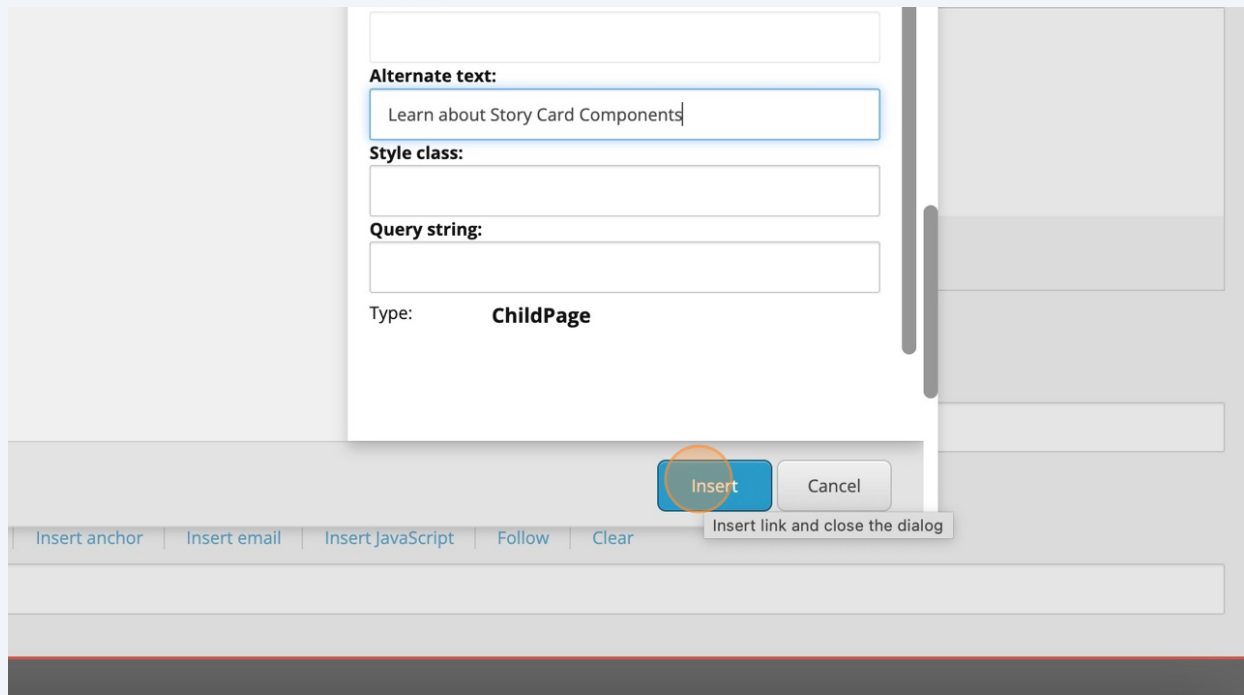
Alternate text:

Style class:

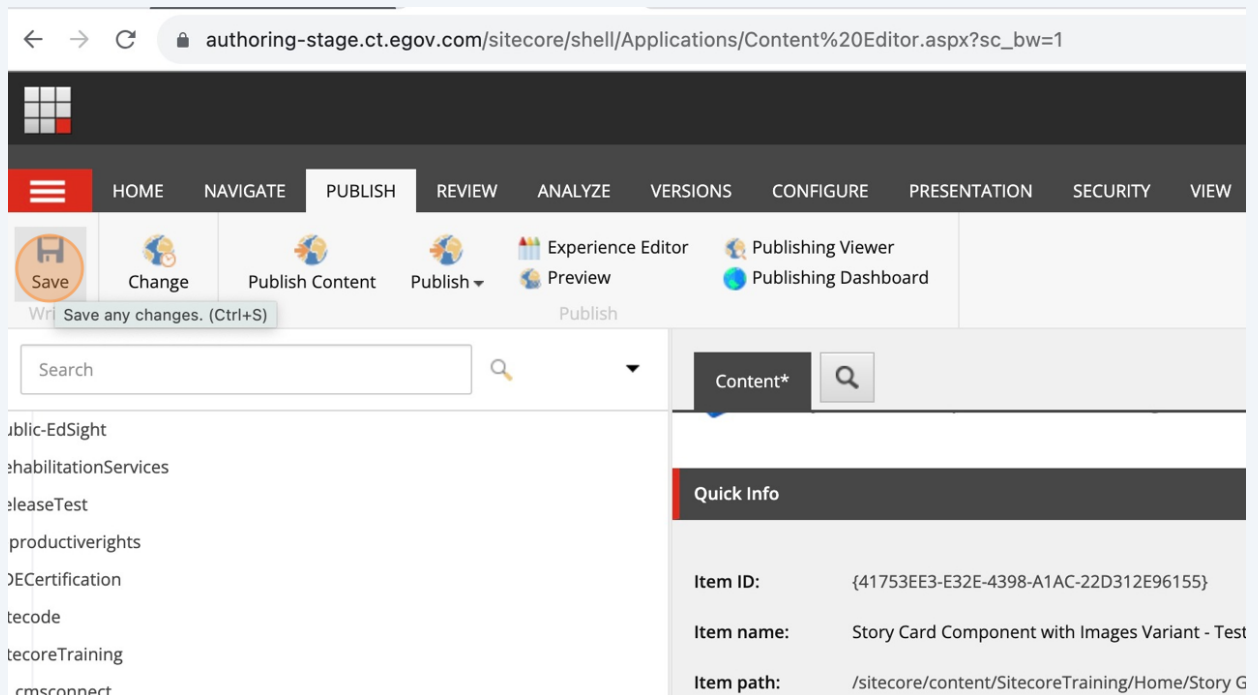
Query string:

Type: **ChildPage**

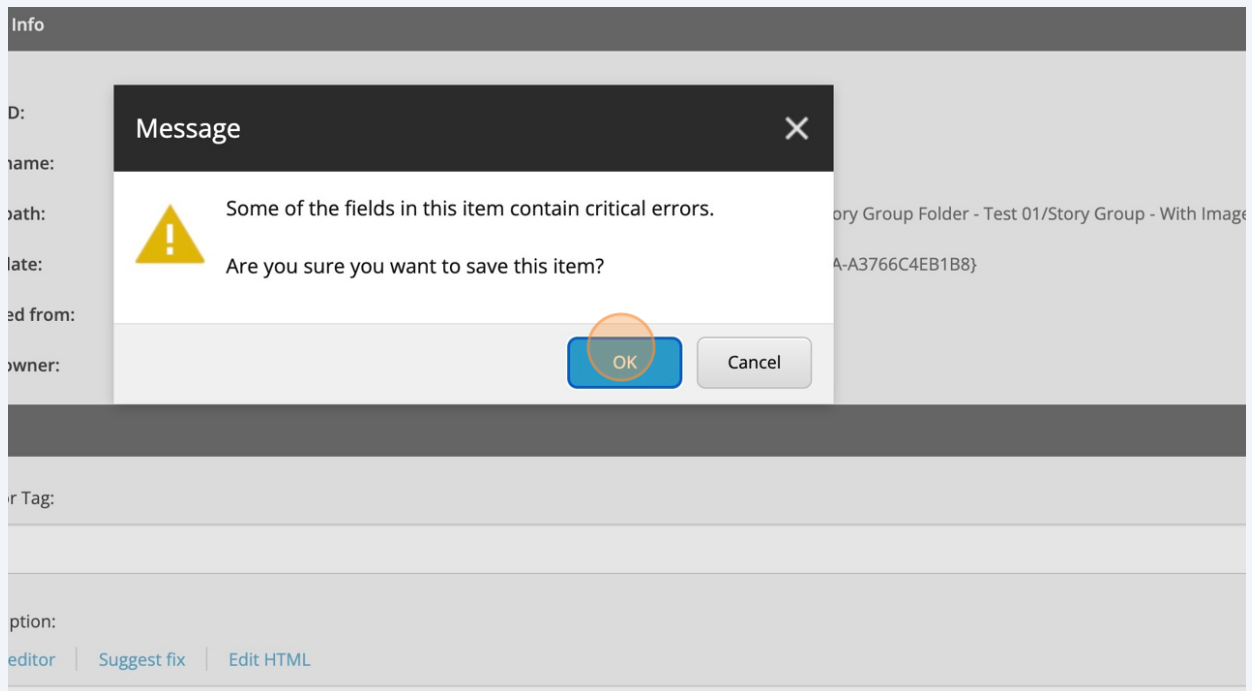
65 Click "Insert".



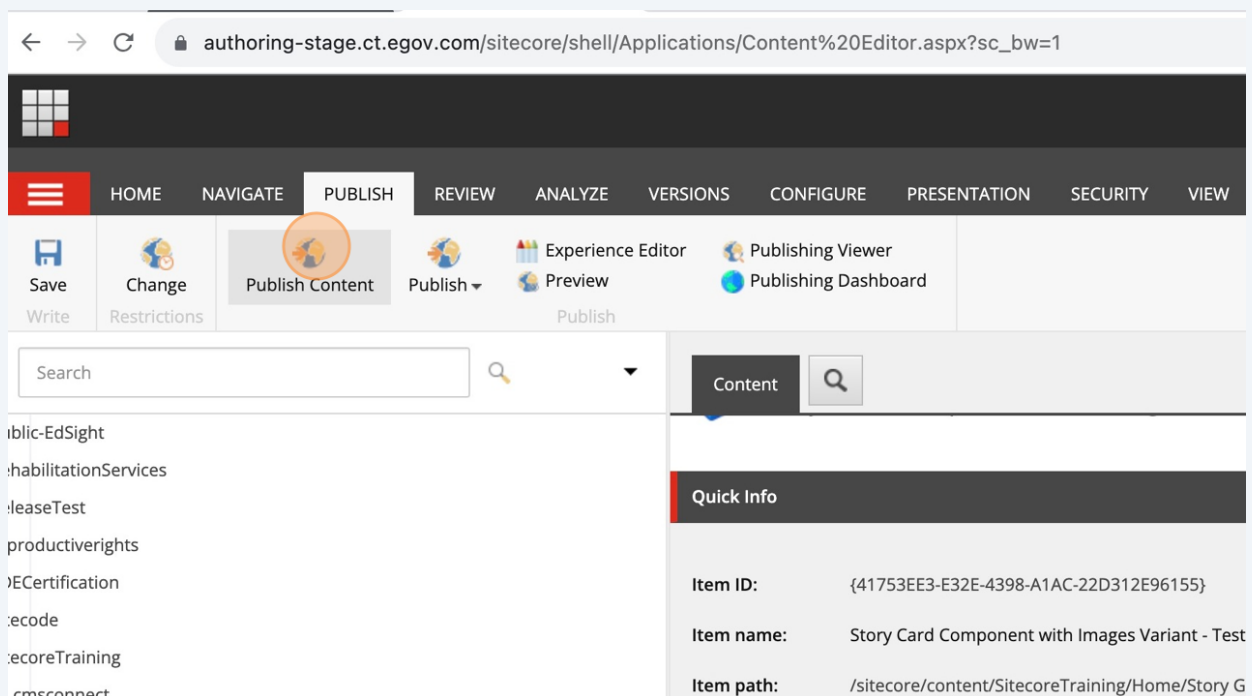
66 After completing your second Story Card, go to the "Publish" tab and click "Save" in the top left corner of the Sitecore Content Editor.



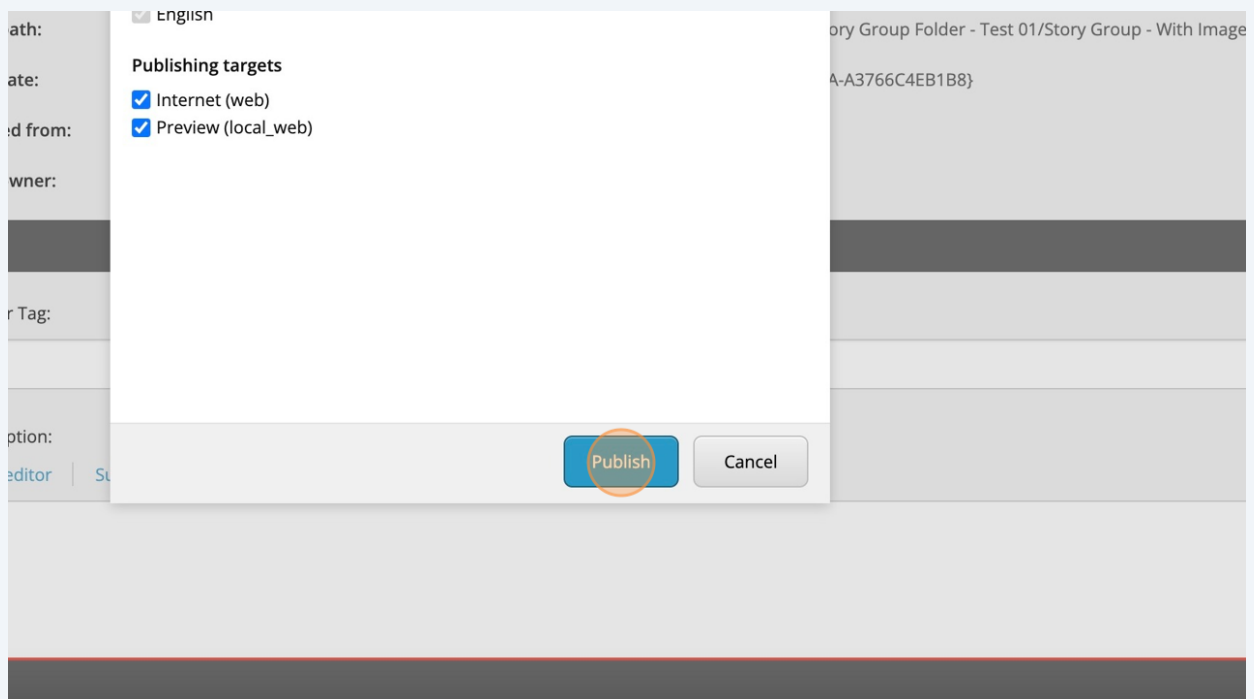
67 Click "OK".



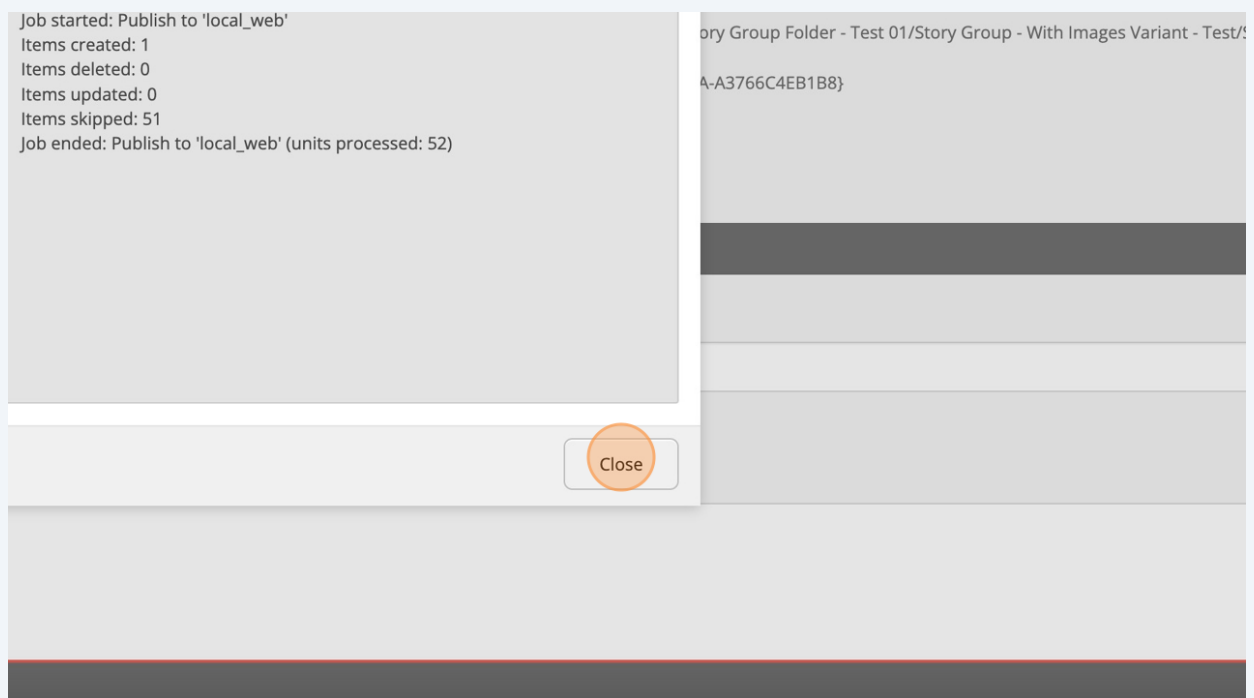
68 Click on "Publish Content".



69 In the Pop-up window that shows up, click "Publish". In the next step, click "OK".



70 Click "Close".



71

For Story Cards 3 and 4, repeat steps 47 - 70 and you should wind up with all your Story Cards itemized as shown in the example provided below.

The screenshot displays the Sitecore Content Editor interface. On the left, a tree view shows the content structure: 'cmsconnect' > 'Content modules' > 'Home' > 'Story Groups Childpage - Test 01' > '_resources' > 'Story Group Folder - Test 01' > 'Story Group - With Images Variant - Test' > 'Main Feature Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 01' > 'Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 02' (highlighted with a blue selection bar and an orange circle). Below this are 'Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 03' and 'Story Card Component with Images Variant - Test 04'. Other items in the tree include 'Video Component', another '_resources' folder, 'Guidelines and Standards', 'Components', 'Templates and Features', and 'Resources'. On the right, a metadata panel shows: 'Item path: /sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story G', 'Template: /sitecore/templates/Feature/ctgov/Content/Story.', 'Created from: [unknown]', and 'Item owner: sitecore\chris.sheehan2'. Below this is a 'Data' section with an 'Anchor Tag' input field and a 'Description' section containing links for 'Show editor', 'Suggest fix', and 'Edit HTML'. The bottom status bar shows the URL: 'https://authoring-stage.ct.egov.com/sitecore/shell/Applications/Content Editor.aspx?sc_bw=1#'.

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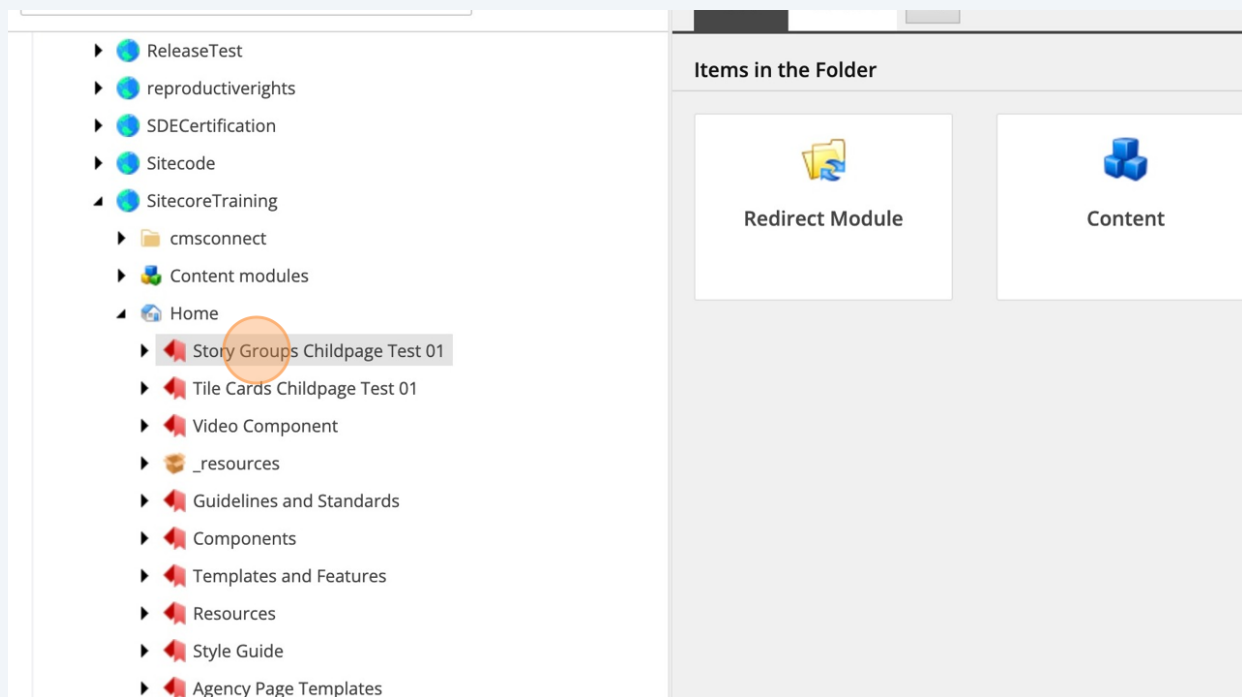
End of Part 1.

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Part 2. Adding Story Groups to a webpage through the Sitecore Experience Editor.

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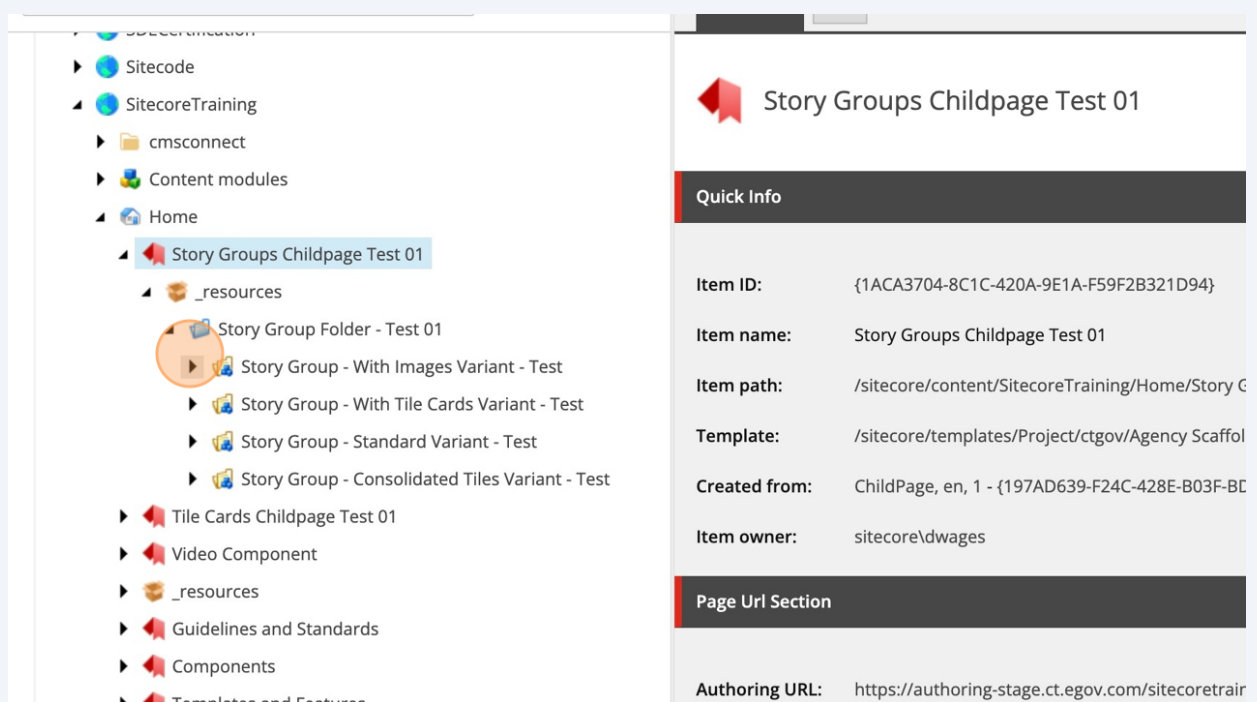
Once inside the Sitecore "Content Editor", click on the "Story Groups Childpage Test 01" that was created in "Part 1. How to Create Story Groups Folder and Story Groups Components in the Sitecore Content Editor" that was previously learned and expand it.



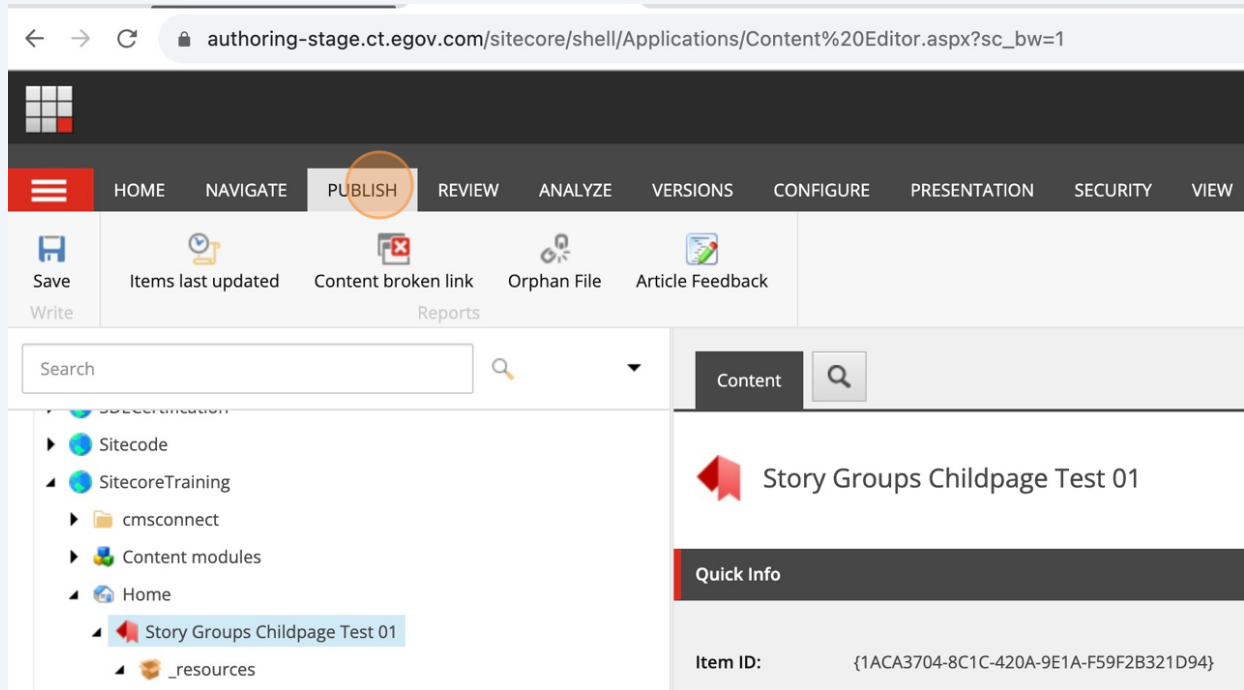
75

Open "_resources" to see the Tile Card and it's components.

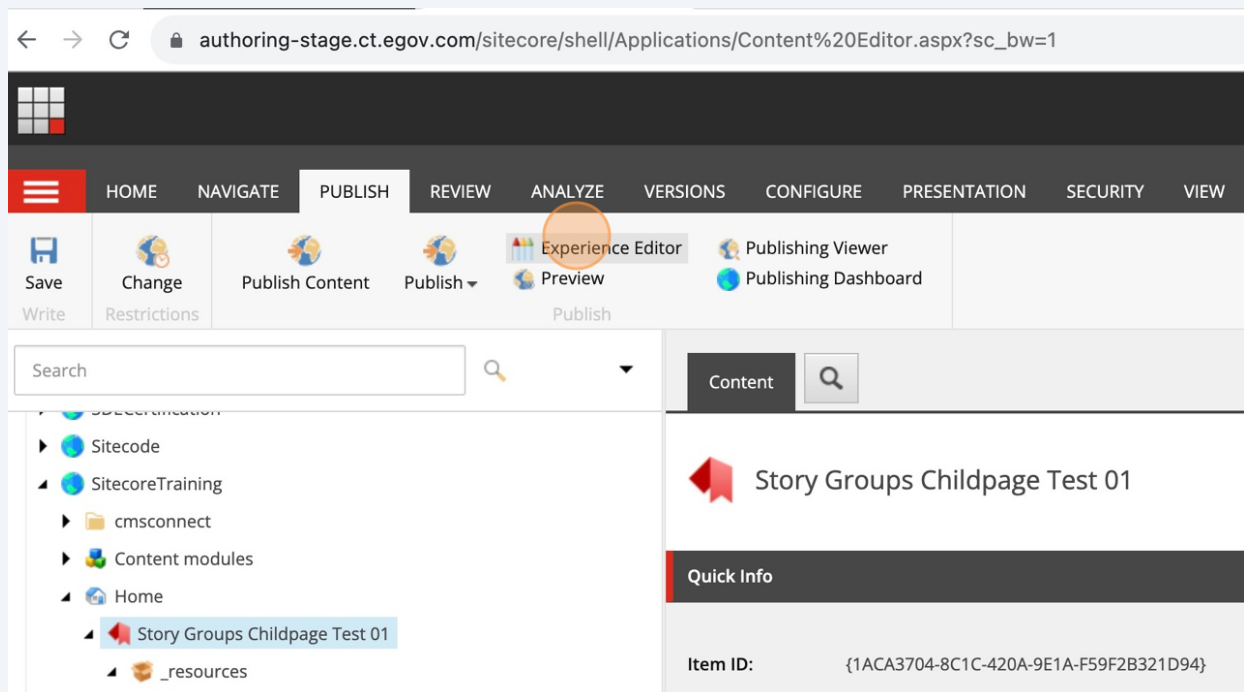
Once you have confirmed that your Component folder and components look like the example shown below, click "Story Groups Childpage Test 01".



76 Click the "PUBLISH" tab.




77 Now what we will do is publish your components to the front end of your Child page. Click "Experience Editor".




78

Once the new tab opens up and the "Experience Editor" finishes loading, click in the empty box as shown and select "Full Width Sub-layout" in the pop-up and click "Select".

Heads up!

Please add associated content using  icon to view and edit the data source properties. If the page is published in i

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EDIT PAGE METADATA / EDIT NAVIGATION SETTINGS / EDIT BREADCRUMB SETTINGS / EDIT




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Click "Add here".

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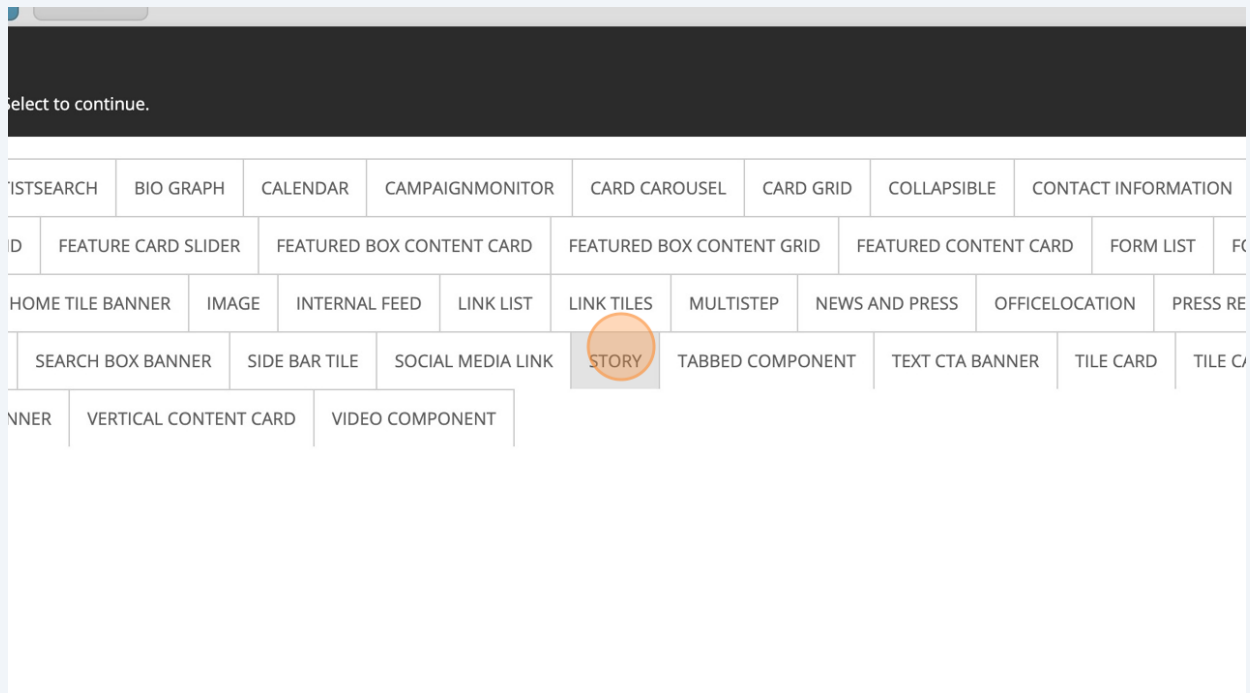
ctgovsublayoutgrid12 / **TA / EDIT NAVIGATION SETTINGS / EDIT BREADCRUMB SETTINGS / EDIT**

Usage: 1

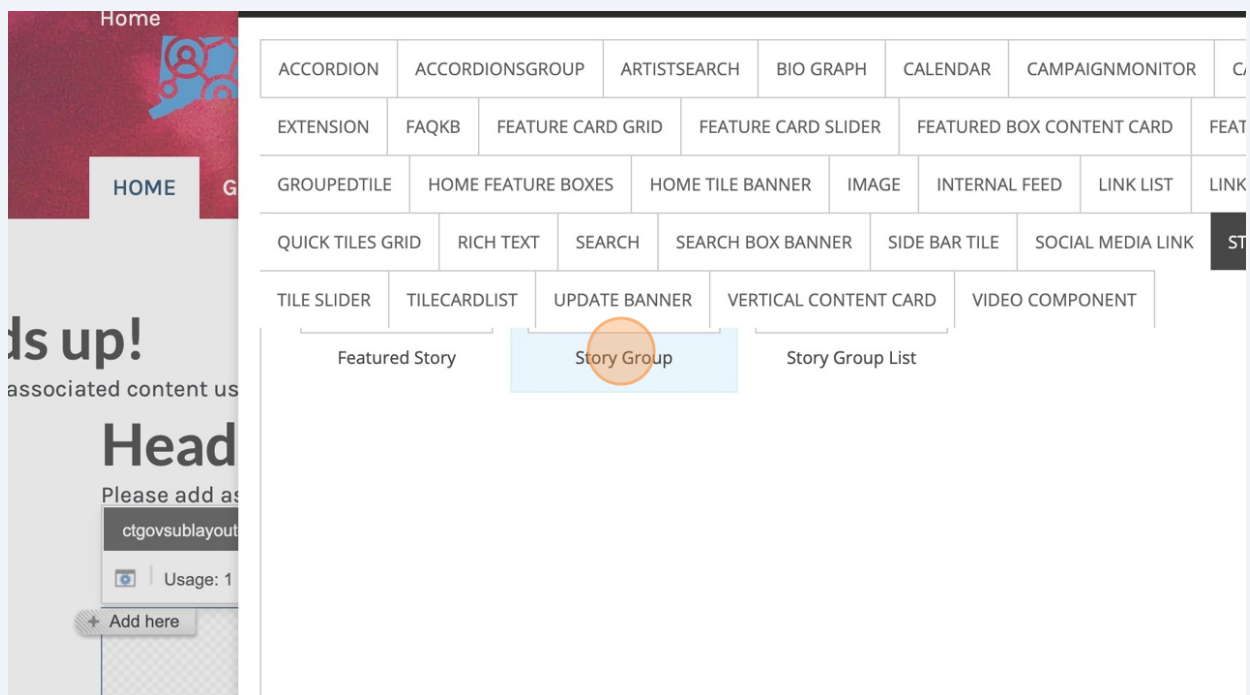
+ Add here

Add a new rendering to the
'ctgovsublayoutgrid12' placeholder.

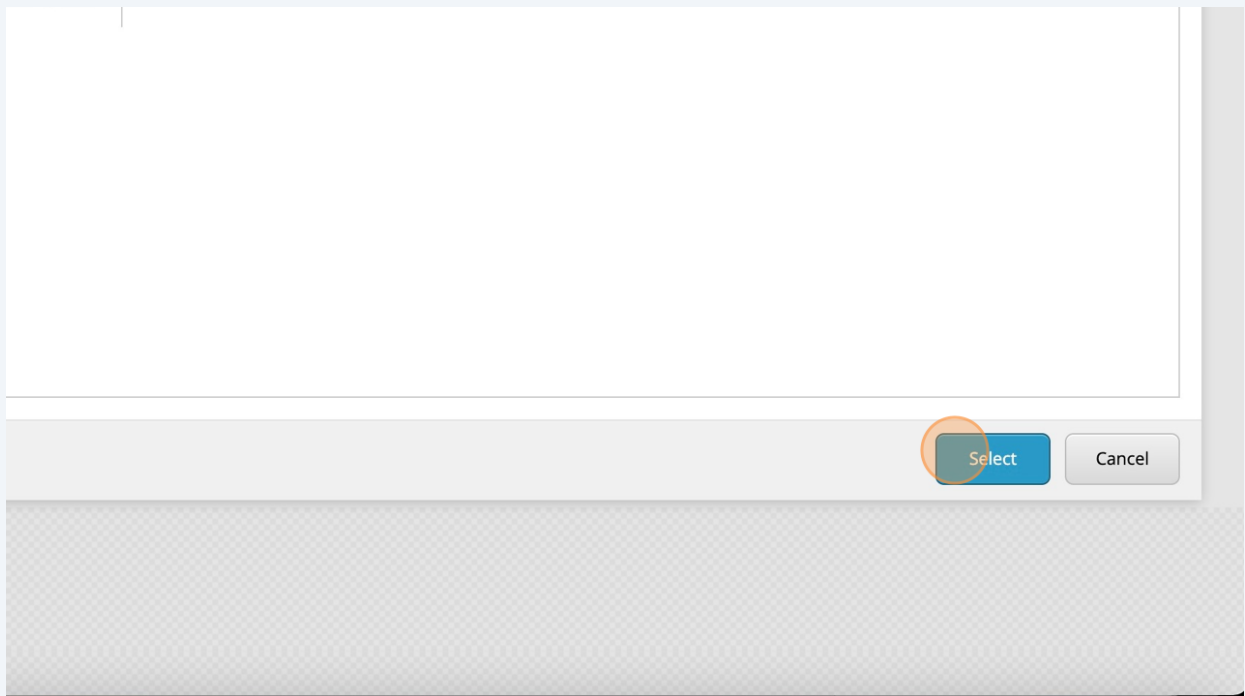
80 Select "STORY" in the pop-up.



81 Click on the "STORY GROUP" image.

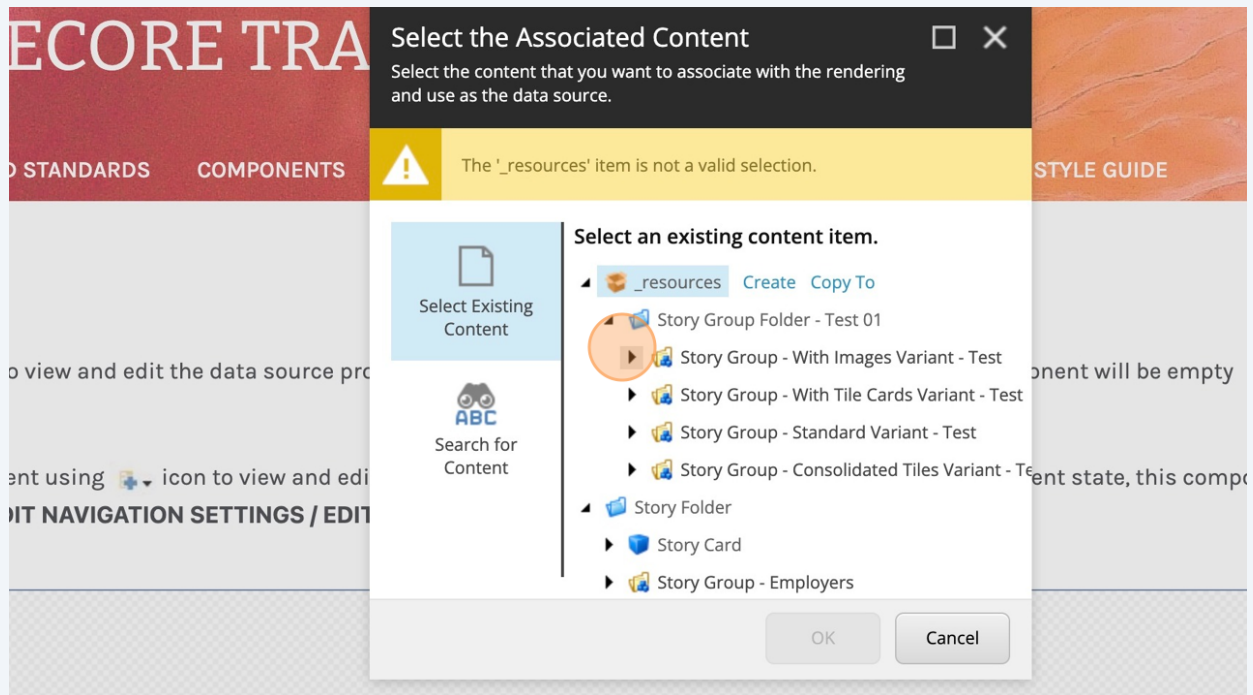


82 Click "Select".



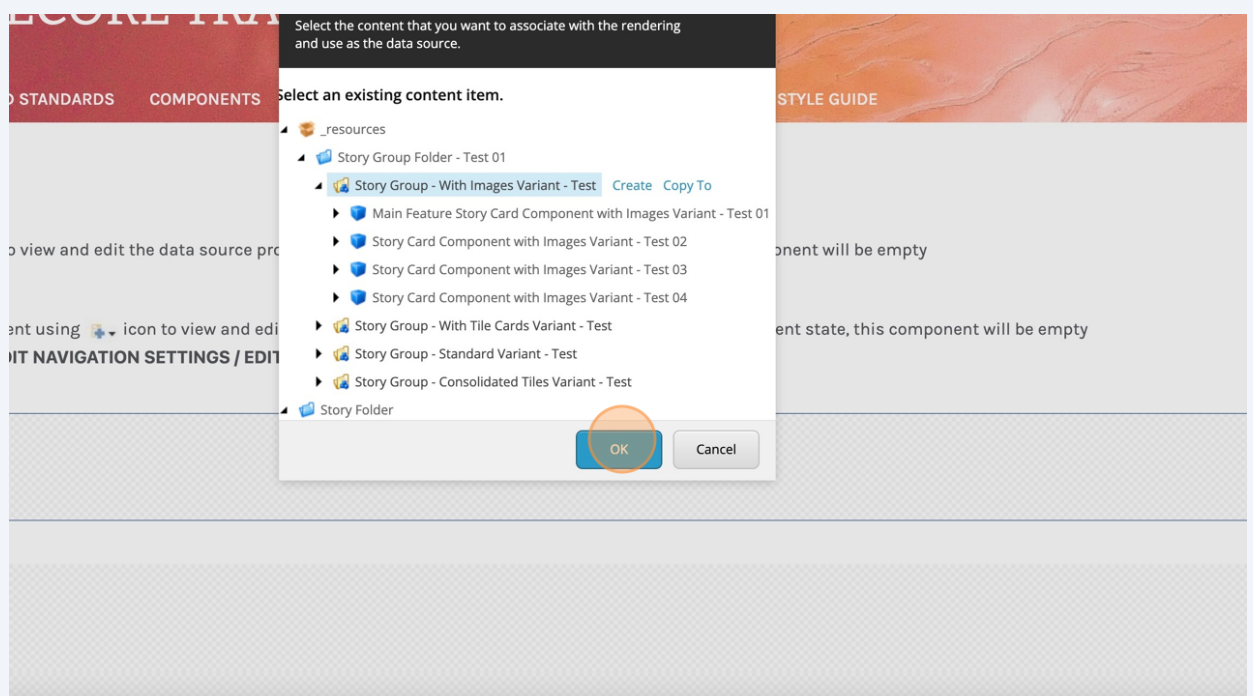
83 In this new pop-up , expand the "Story Group Folder" you previously created.

Click the first "Story Group With Images Variant Test" folder within the structure and expand it.



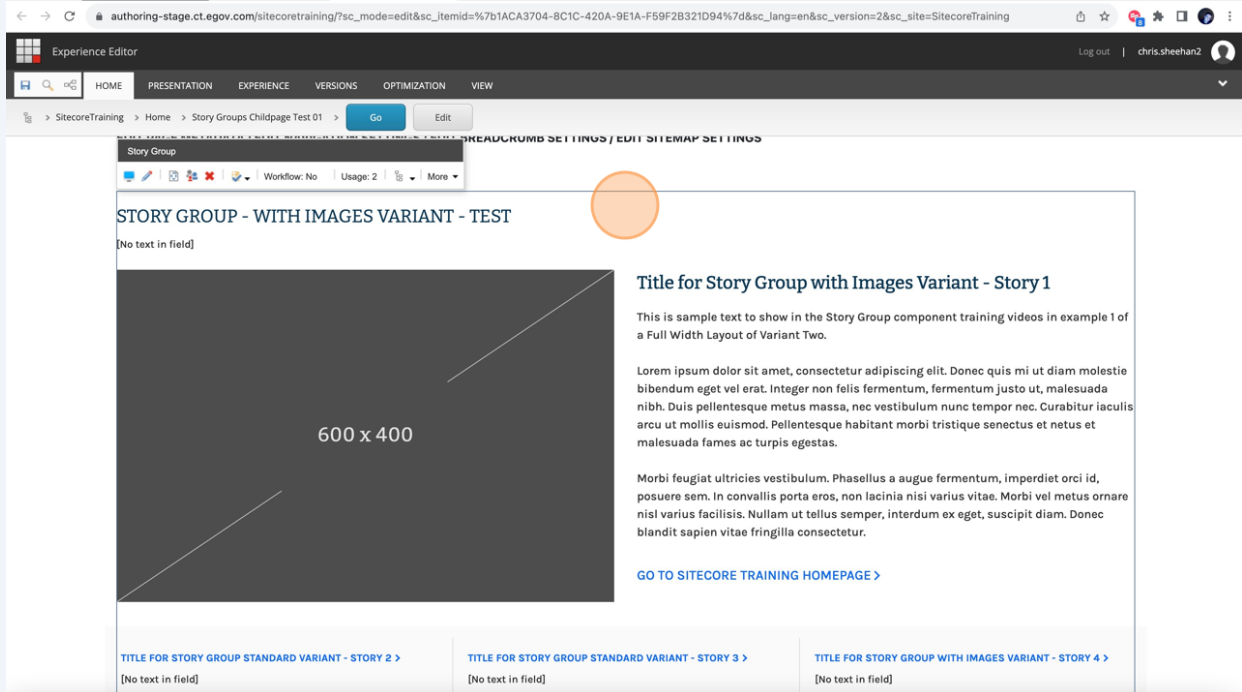
84 Your Story Group components should be visible and resemble the example shown below.

Select the "Story Group With Images Variant - Test" folder and click "OK".



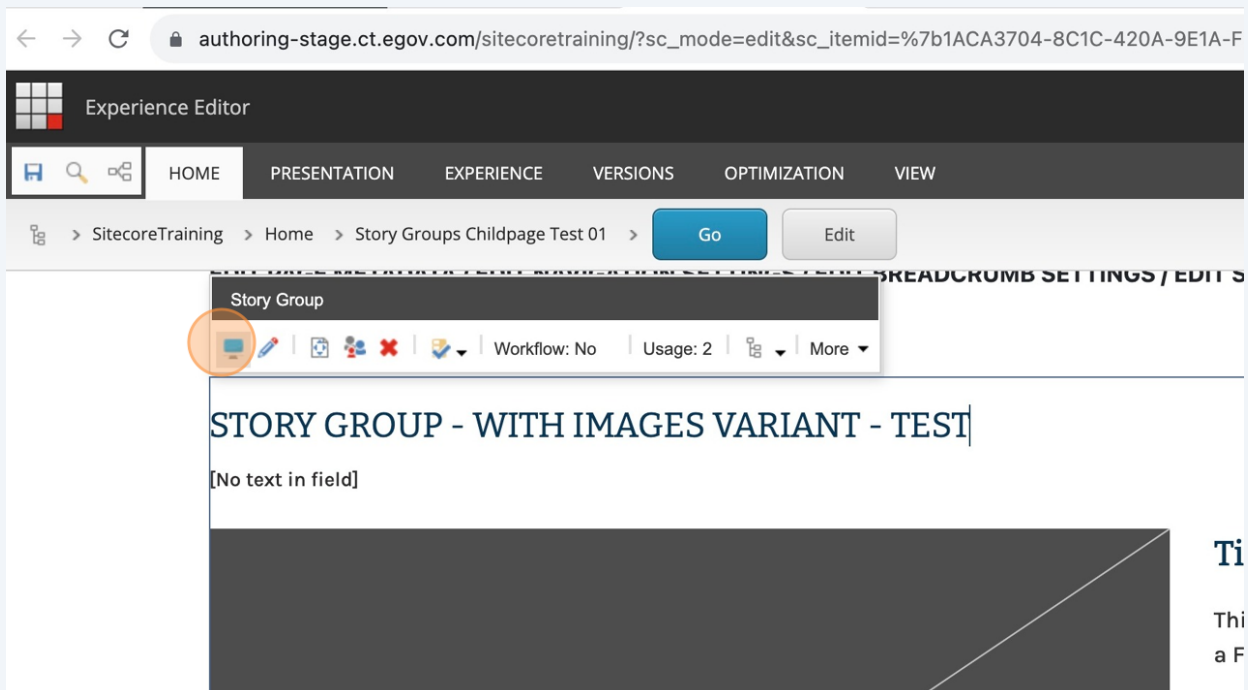
85

Your first Story Group (4 Story Card components) has just been imported in the default "Standard" view on your page. Click anywhere inside the component so that its' Control Properties menu appears.

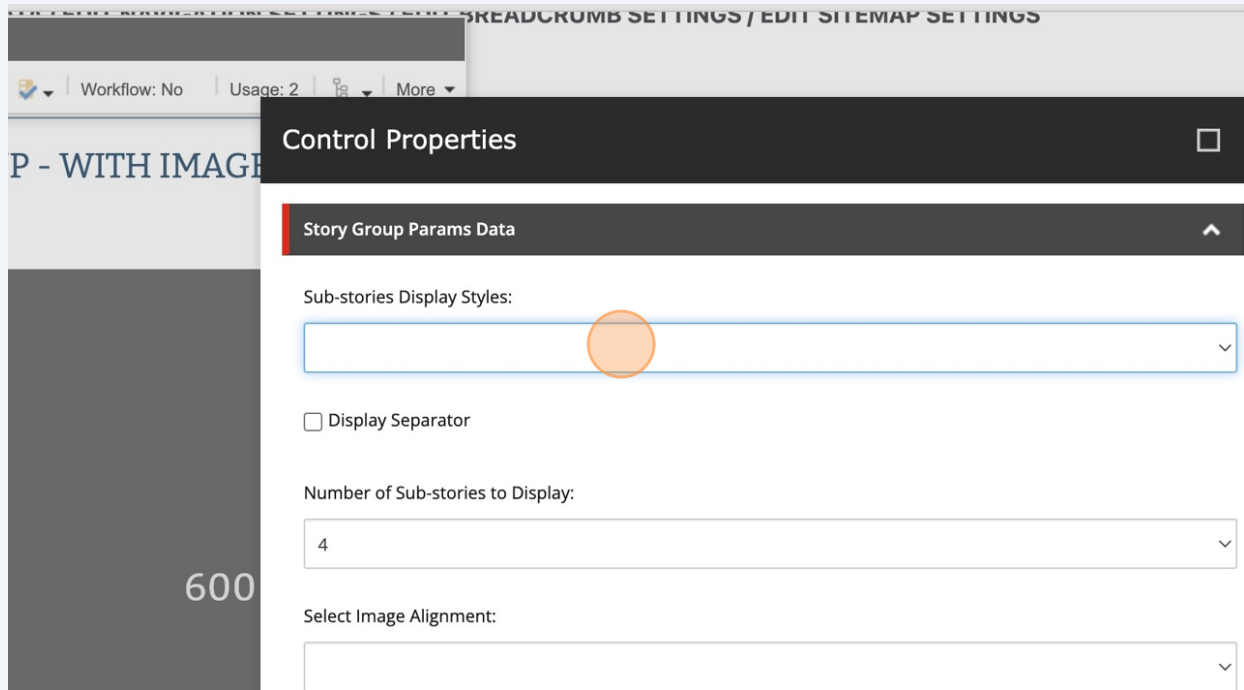


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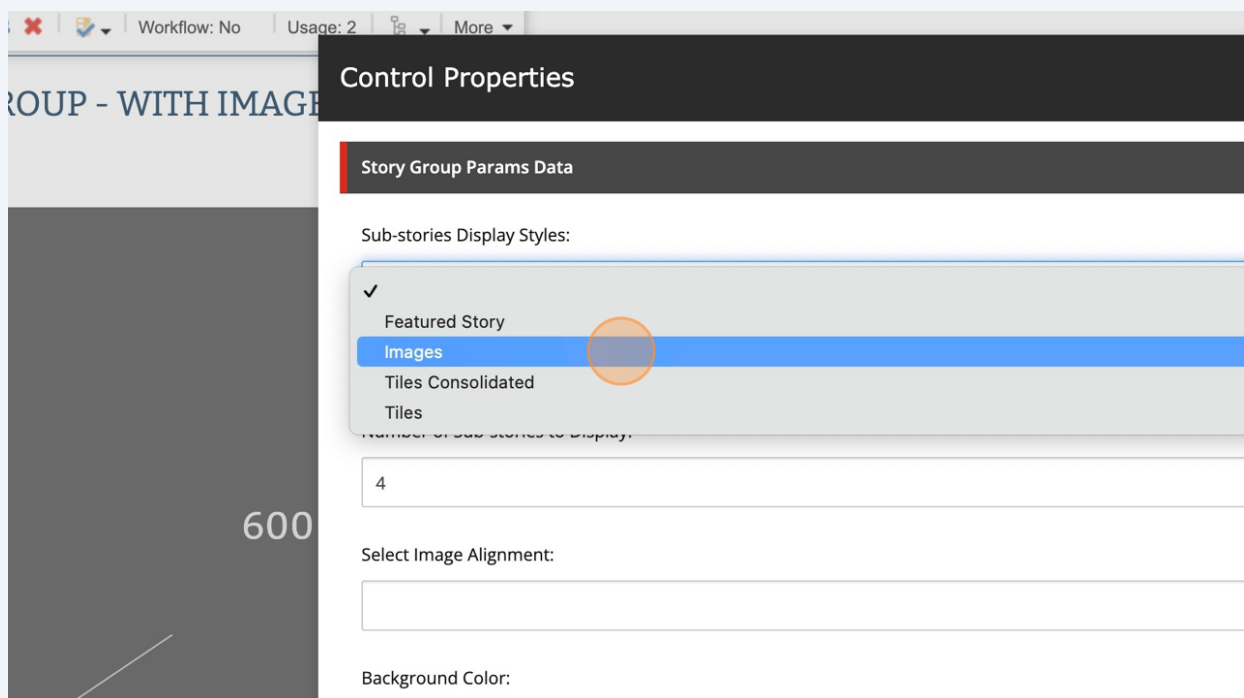
Click the "Story Group" icon as shown below to access the component's "Control Properties" and display settings.



- 87 Locate the "Sub-stories Display Styles" dropdown settings.

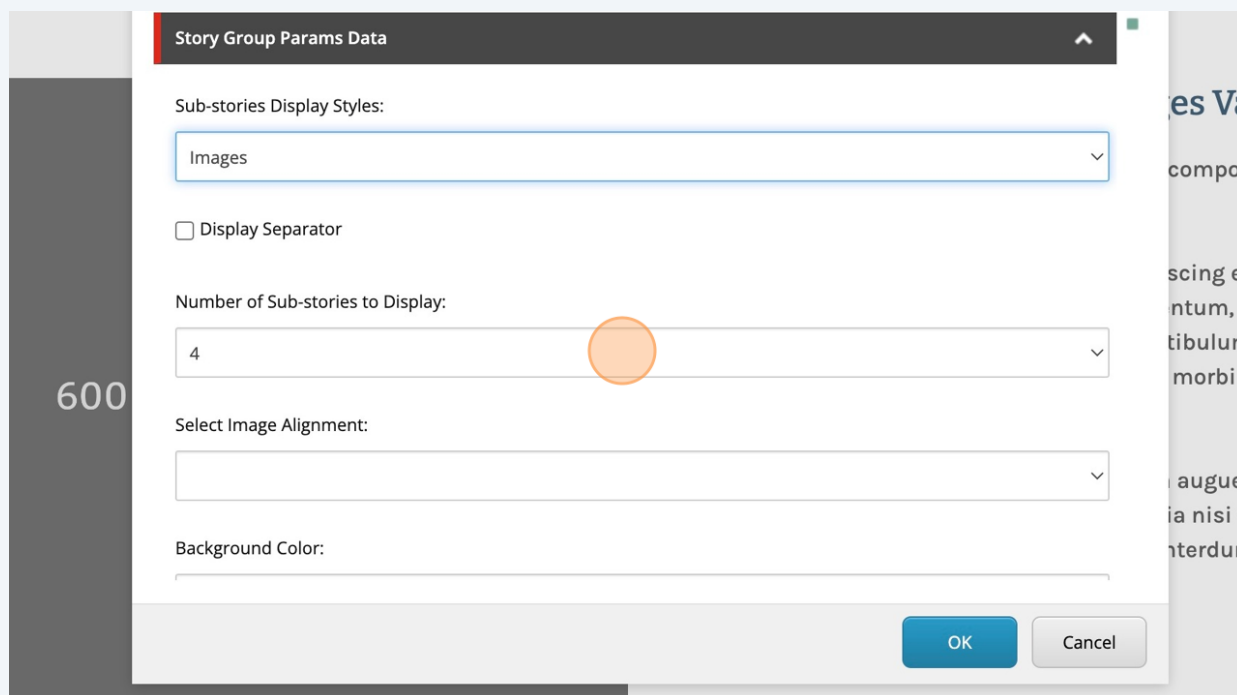


- 88 Click and select "IMAGES".



89

Right underneath the previous setting, locate the "Number of Sub-stories to Display" dropdown and click it.



Story Group Params Data

Sub-stories Display Styles:

Images

☐ Display Separator

Number of Sub-stories to Display:

4

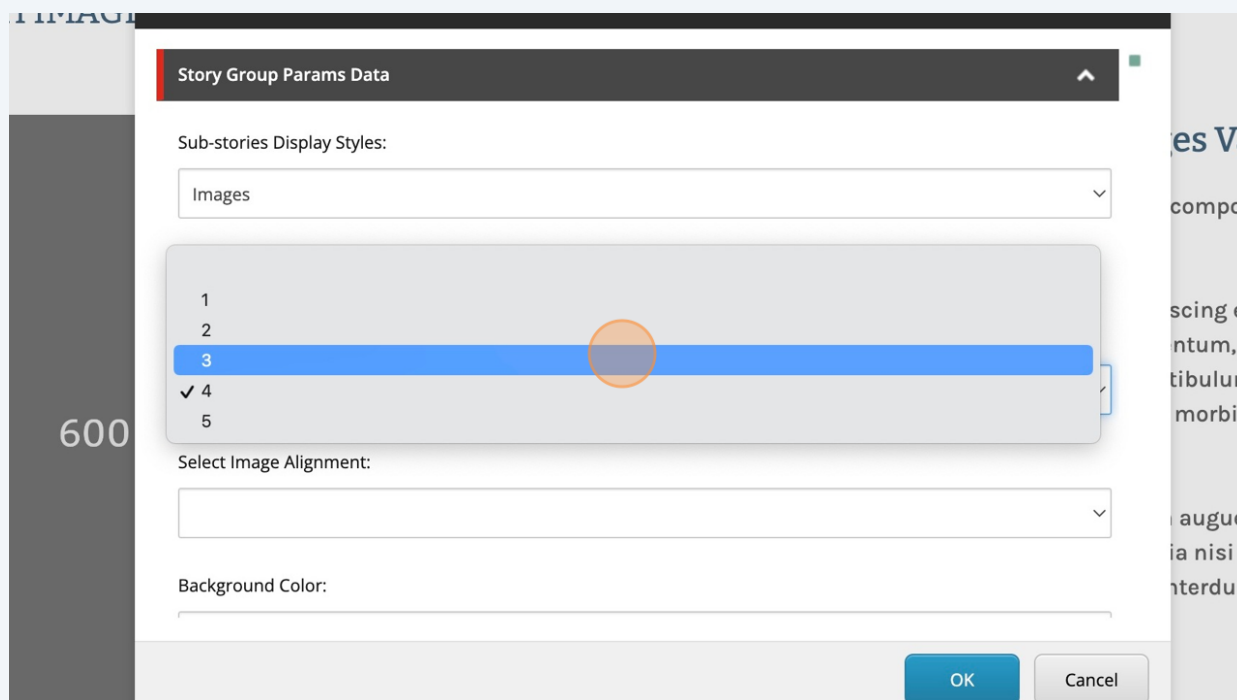
Select Image Alignment:

Background Color:

OK Cancel

90

Since we are working with a Main Feature Highlighted Story with 3 additional Feature Stories in our Group, click on the "3" option for this example.



Story Group Params Data

Sub-stories Display Styles:

Images

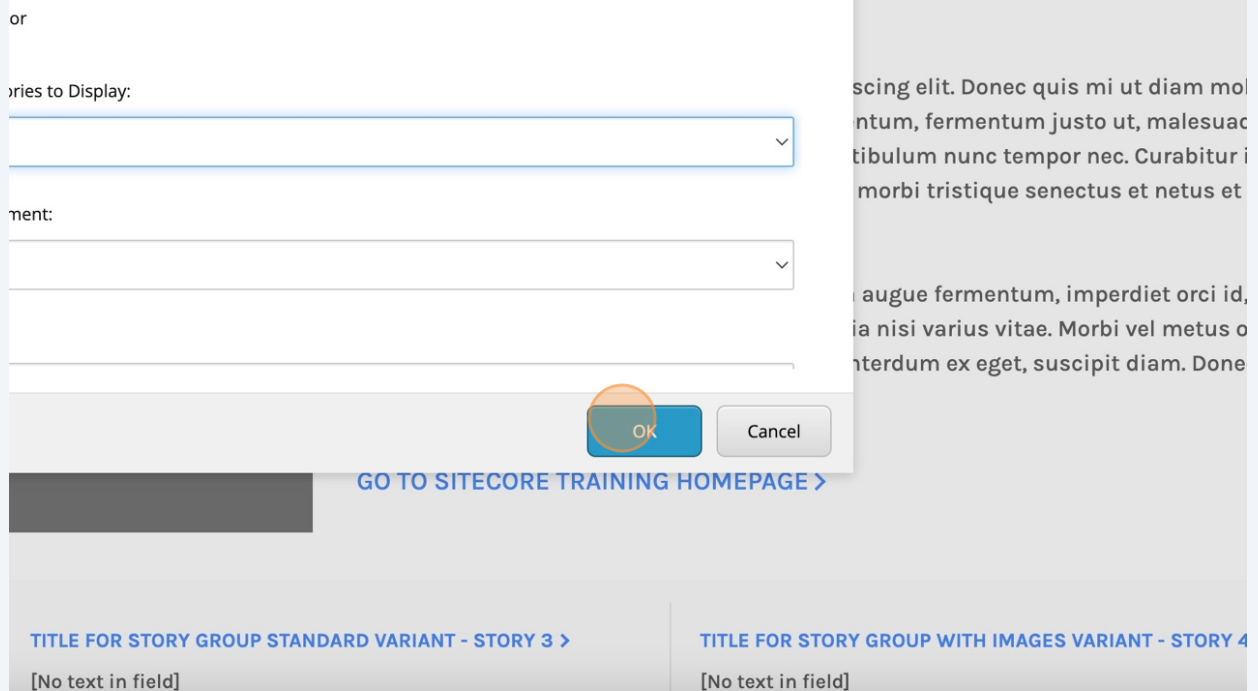
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Select Image Alignment:

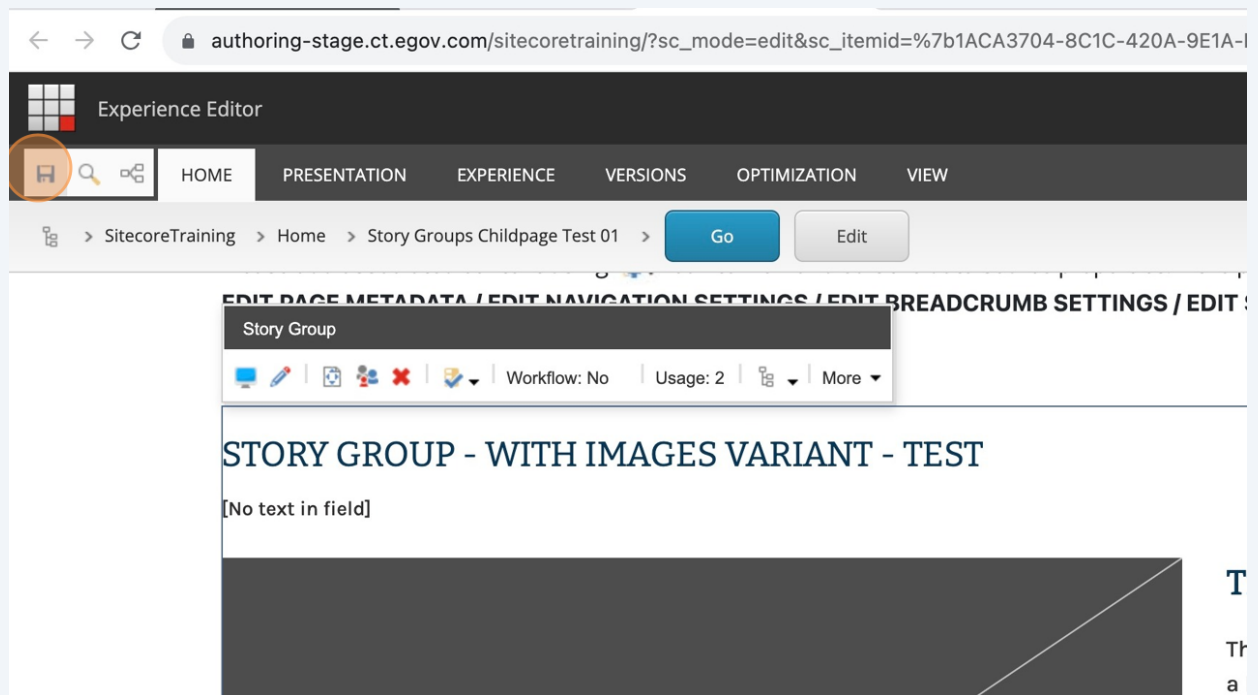
Background Color:

OK Cancel

91 Click the "OK" button.



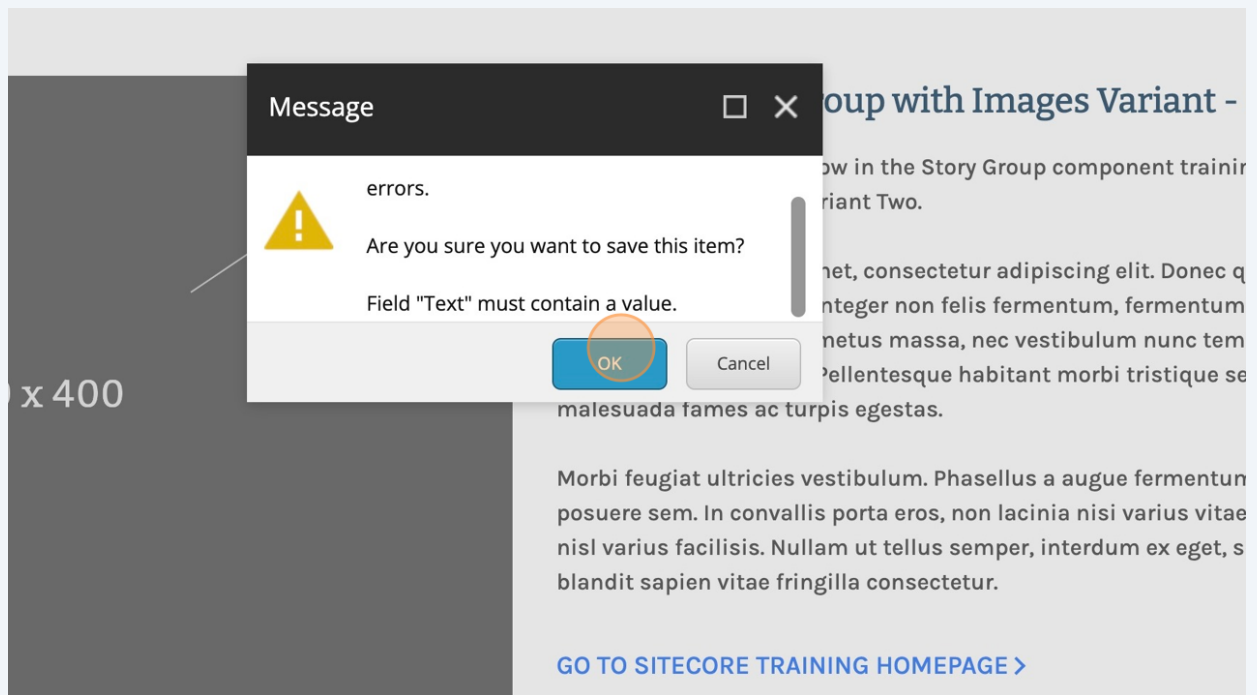
92 Once you have completed inserting the Story Group component into the space you assigned for it, immediately click the Disc icon to SAVE YOUR WORK.



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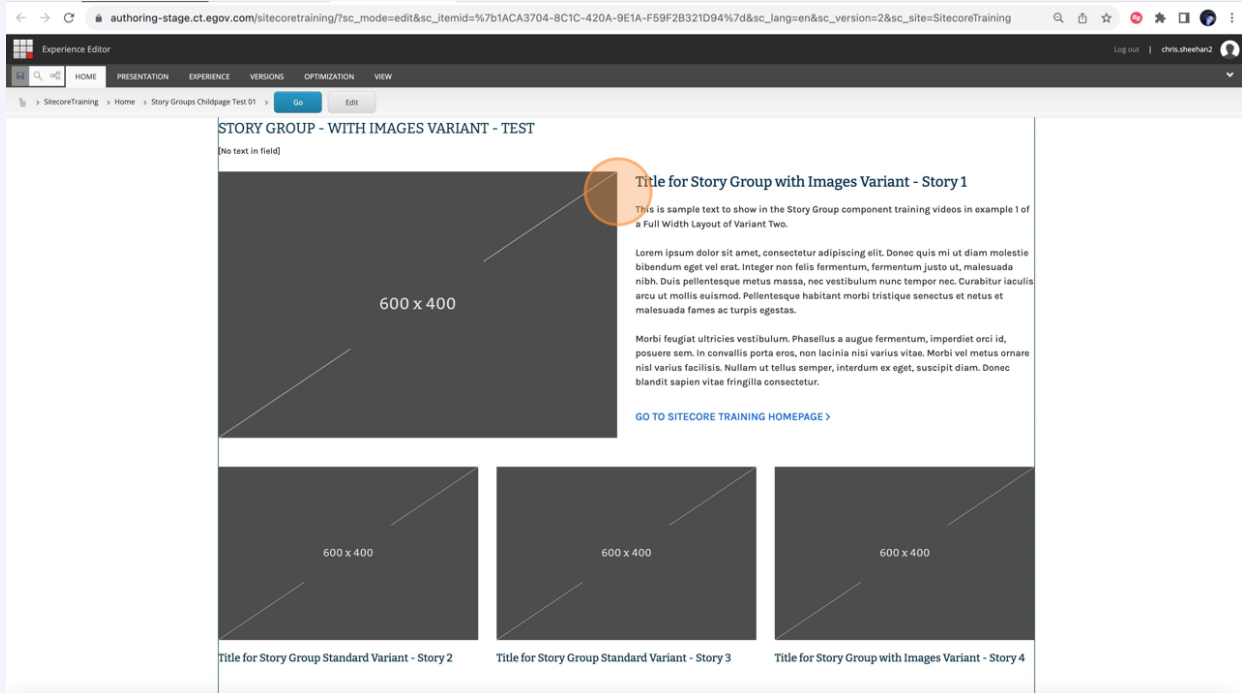
If you are prompted with an alert, read through it, if necessary, follow any instructions that appear on screen and adjust accordingly. If the pop-up resembles the one shown below, you can click the "OK" button. WAIT FOR THE PAGE TO RE-LOAD.

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** Most times alerts like these will show up and you can proceed with "OK". This message is mostly important to acknowledge if it alerts you that it is overwriting something that you may have saved in the "Content Editor" and did not save previously in the "Experience Editor" tab.



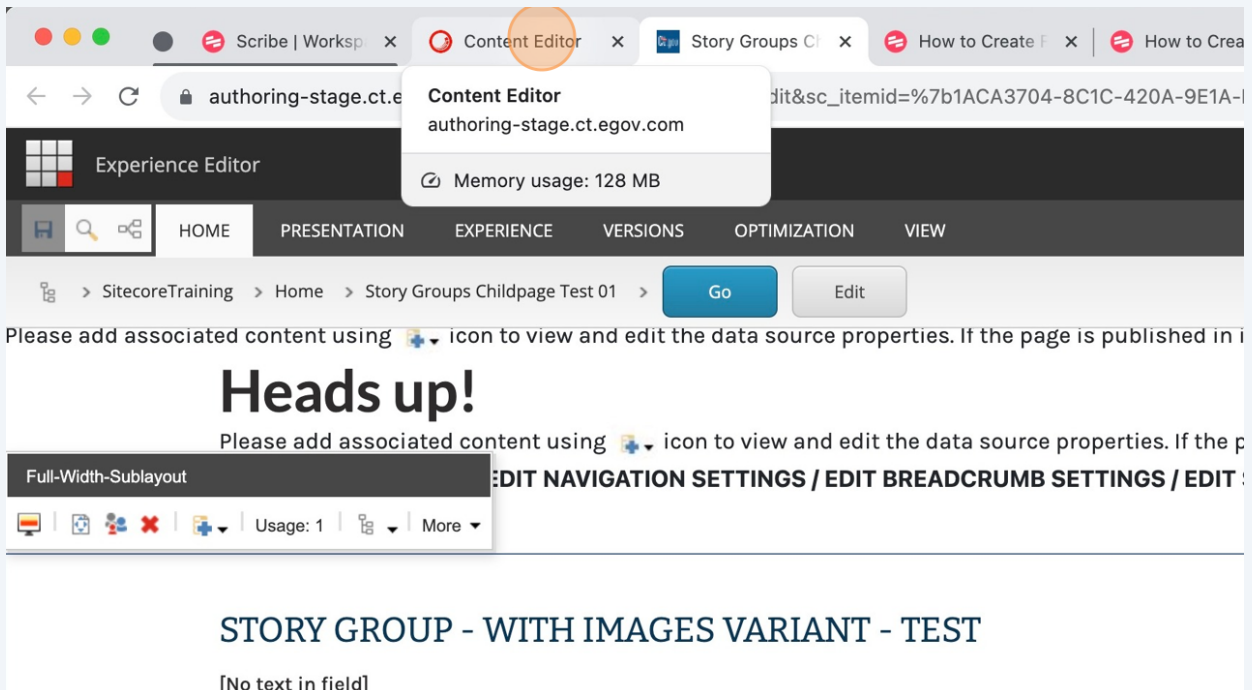
94

Once the page has reloaded, it should resemble the image displayed below, and the SAVE icon image should be grayed out meaning that your save is in the latest version.



95

Once you have completed editing the "Experience Editor", you can now return to the "Content Editor" in Sitecore, most likely, in the previous browser tab.



96

Upon returning to the "Content Editor", go to your child page and expand its contents and click on the "_resources" folder once.

Search

Content

Story Groups Childpage Test 01

Quick Info

Item ID:	{1ACA3704-8C1C-420A-9E1A-F59F2B321D94}
Item name:	Story Groups Childpage Test 01
Item path:	/sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story G
Template:	/sitecore/templates/Project/ctgov/Agency Scaffold
Created from:	ChildPage, en, 1 - {197AD639-F24C-428E-B03F-BD
Item owner:	sitecore\dwages

Page Url Section

97

Click once again on the "Story Groups Childpage Test 01".

Save Write Change Restrictions Publish Content Publish Preview Publishing Dashboard

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Content

_resources

Warning: You must lock this item before you can edit it. To lock this item, click Edit on the Home tab. [Lock and Edit](#)

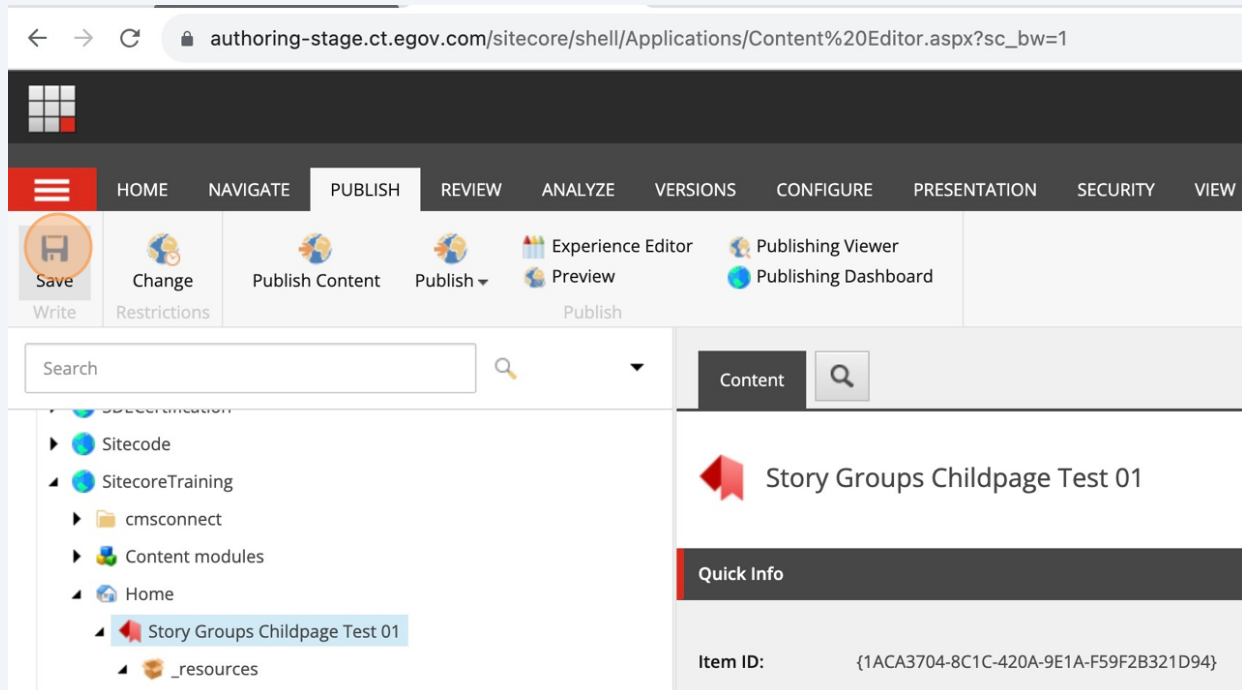
Warning: The current item does not contain any fields.

Quick Info

Item ID:	{14838317-DA3E-4AE3-AA34-1DFC07FB12C7}
Item name:	_resources
Item path:	/sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story C

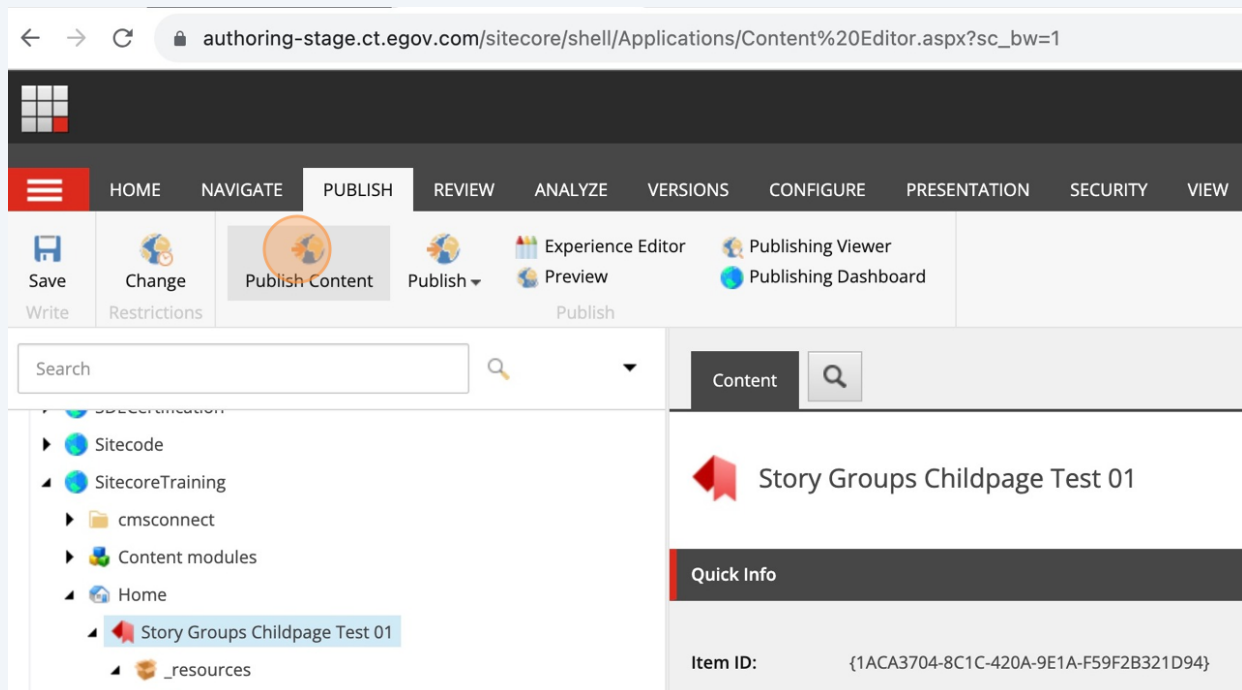
98

And only then proceed to the "SAVE" icon in the "Content Editor". The previous 2 steps makes Sitecore acknowledge the changes you made in the "Experience Editor" and will save the latest version of your page.



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Once saved, click on "Publish Content".



100 Click "Publish", then click "OK".

The screenshot shows a software interface with a sidebar on the left containing labels like 'Item ID:', 'Item name:', 'Item path:', 'Template:', 'Created from:', 'Item owner:', 'Page Url Section', 'Authoring URL:', and 'Portal URL:'. The main area has a 'Publishing targets' section with a checked 'English' checkbox and two checked options: 'Internet (web)' and 'Preview (local_web)'. At the bottom, there are 'Publish' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Publish' button is highlighted with an orange circle. Below the buttons is a section titled 'Associated Content Data' with a label 'Associated Content:' and a value 'Selected'.

101 Click "Close".

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Once the page is reloaded, you can now check your work using the "Portal URL" to verify that your page has been published correctly.

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Item ID: {1AC45704-6C1C-420A-3E1A-F59F2D321D94}

Item name: Story Groups Childpage Test 01

Item path: /sitecore/content/SitecoreTraining/Home/Story Groups Childpage Test 01

Template: /sitecore/templates/Project/ctgov/Agency Scaffolding v2/Pages/ChildPage - {68BBAF6D-81A9-4FC0-BA73-F7D2B3E}

Created from: ChildPage, en, 1 - {197AD639-F24C-428E-B03F-BD4292438E1E}

Item owner: sitecore\dwages

Page Url Section

Authoring URL: <https://authoring-stage.ct.egov.com/sitecoretraining/story-groups-childpage-test-01>

Portal URL: <https://portal-staging.ct.gov/sitecoretraining/story-groups-childpage-test-01>

Associated Content Data

Associated Content:

All Selected

page-test-01

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Below is a demonstration of how your page should look after accessing the Portal URL link from the previous step. You have just created a Story Group Component that contains a Main Feature Story with 3 Sub-stories on a Full Width Sublayout.

Please continue to Part 3 of this lesson to learn about the Tile Card variants you will be able to create in Sitecore.

portal-staging.ct.gov/sitecoretraining/story-groups-childpage-test-01?language=en_US

Report an accessibility issue.

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STORY GROUP - WITH IMAGES VARIANT - TEST

600 x 400

Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 1

This is sample text to show in the Story Group component training videos in example 1 of a Full Width Layout of Variant Two.

The customer is very important, the customer will be followed by the customer. Until someone needed a drink for me as a backyard employee. He didn't completely trigger the yeast, just the yeast, as he planned. The fear of the two children is a mass, and neither is it now nor the time. Curabitur arcuulis as soft Eulismod. Children are living with disease, old age and children, and they are suffering from hunger and poverty.

Morbi feugiat ultricies vestibulum. To put the boat on the market, to put it on the market. In the valley, the gate of the eros, not the lacinia but the varies of life. It is easy for players to play sports or fear. As the earth always, sometimes out of necessity, takes up the yard. Until he flatters the wisdom of the ecological life is pursued.

[GO TO SITECORE TRAINING HOMEPAGE >](#)

600 x 400

600 x 400

600 x 400

Title for Story Group Standard Variant - Story 2

Title for Story Group Standard Variant - Story 3

Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 4

[LEARN ABOUT STORY CARD COMPONENTS >](#)

[ACCESS THE FEATURE CONTENT CARD SECTION >](#)

[FIND MORE COMPONENT RESOURCES >](#)

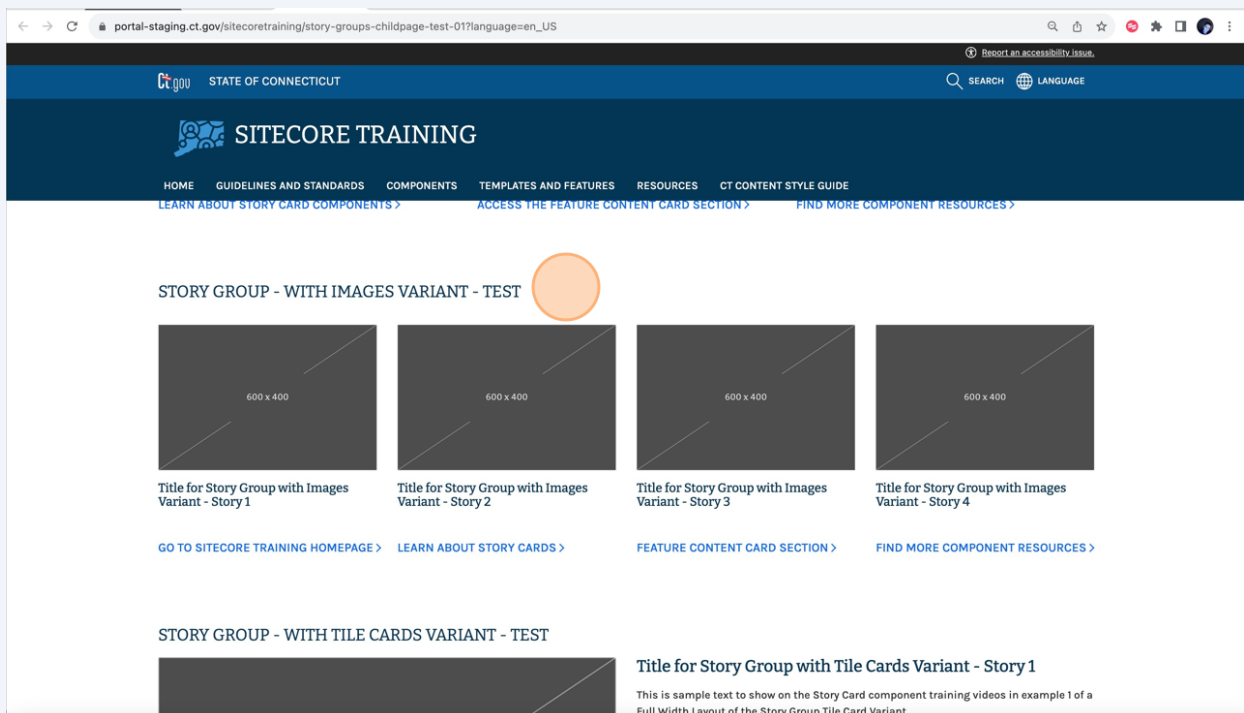
104 End of Part 2.

105 Part 3. Story Group Variants and how to implement them on a webpage through the Sitecore Content and Experience Editor.

106 Part 3.1. STORY GROUP WITH IMAGES VARIANT (WITHOUT HIGHLIGHTED STORY)

107 In the previous 2 parts, we learned how to create a Story Groups with Images and a Highlighted Story. This means that the Main Feature Story spreads full width with 3 sub-stories beneath it.

There is an alternative way to display Story Groups that resemble the example shown below. The process of building the Story Group is exactly the same as shown in this lesson, there is only one step that needs to be taken to achieve this Full Width blade method. Continue to the next step.



108

When building your Story Group, specifically in Step 24, simply leave the "Is Highlighted Story" checkmark box unchecked.

The screenshot shows the Sitecore training interface. On the left, a tree view lists various components, including 'Story Group - With Images Variant - Test' and 'Story Group - With Images Variant - Test Copy'. The 'Story Group - With Images Variant - Test Copy' is selected. On the right, the 'Properties' panel is visible. The 'Is Highlighted Story' checkbox is unchecked, and it is circled in orange. Other fields in the panel include 'Teaser:', 'Title:' (with the value 'Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 1'), 'Display Video' (unchecked), and 'Image:' (with a placeholder image and the path '/SitecoreTraining/Placeholders/600x400').

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Once Saved and Published, the result will produce the Full Width blade of the component where all stories are displayed equally across the page as shown below.

The screenshot shows the Sitecore training website. The header includes the 'STATE OF CONNECTICUT' logo, 'SITECORE TRAINING' title, and navigation links: 'HOME', 'GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS', 'COMPONENTS', 'TEMPLATES AND FEATURES', 'RESOURCES', and 'CT CONTENT STYLE GUIDE'. Below the header, there are three links: 'LEARN ABOUT STORY CARD COMPONENTS >', 'ACCESS THE FEATURE CONTENT CARD SECTION >', and 'FIND MORE COMPONENT RESOURCES >'. The main content area displays a 'STORY GROUP - WITH IMAGES VARIANT - TEST' component. It features four story cards, each with a placeholder image (600 x 400) and a title: 'Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 1', 'Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 2', 'Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 3', and 'Title for Story Group with Images Variant - Story 4'. Below the cards are three links: 'GO TO SITECORE TRAINING HOMEPAGE >', 'LEARN ABOUT STORY CARDS >', and 'FEATURE CONTENT CARD SECTION >'. The bottom section shows a 'STORY GROUP - WITH TILE CARDS VARIANT - TEST' component, which includes a placeholder image and a title: 'Title for Story Group with Tile Cards Variant - Story 1'. Below this is a paragraph of sample text: 'This is sample text to show on the Story Card component training videos in example 1 of a Full Width Layout of the Story Group Tile Card Variant.'

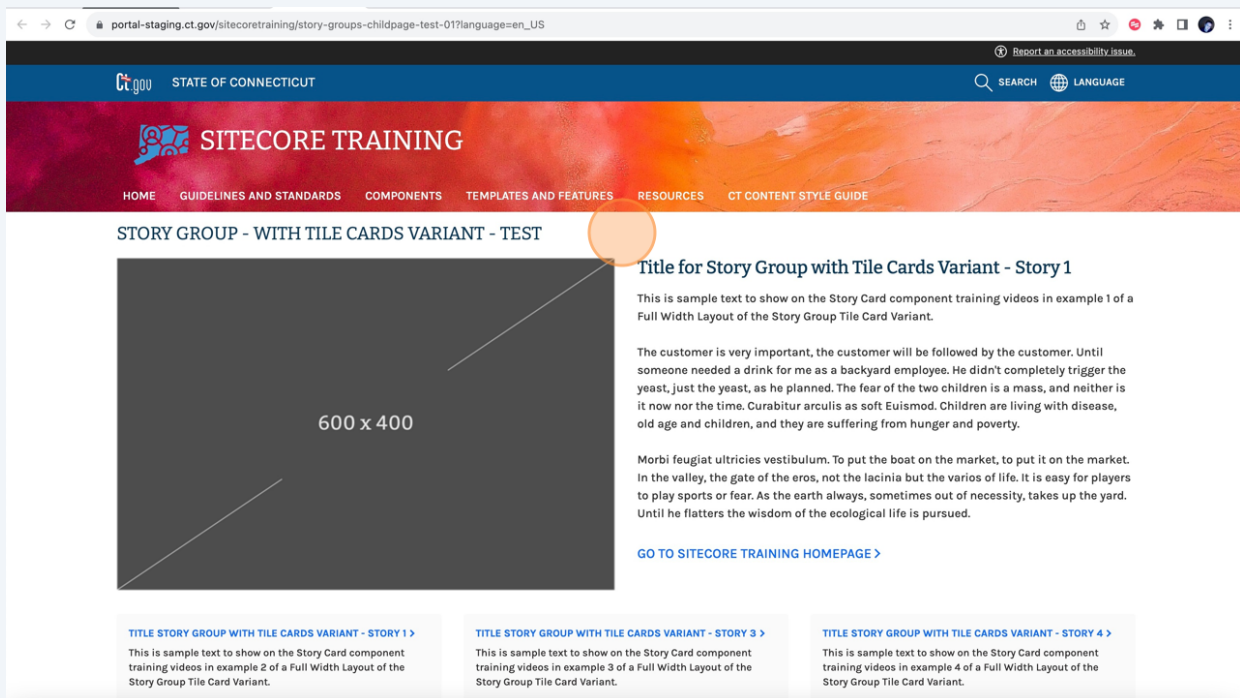
110 Part 3.2. TILE CARD STORY GROUP VARIANT

111 One of the variants for the Story Group Component is called the "TILE CARD Variant". This Story Group, as you can see, does not have the images included in the sub-stories as we previously viewed . They contain CTAs in the top part of the sub-story component and brief descriptions under the CTA.

In order to achieve the results as demonstrated below, there are some important details to consider:

1.- Make sure you have set up the components correctly in the Content Editor in Sitecore (follow steps 8-71 of Part 1 in this lesson).

2.- Make sure you have set up the components correctly in the Experience Editor in Sitecore (follow steps 74-103 of Part 2 in this lesson).



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3.- Make sure you that you introduce "TEASER" text instead of "DESCRIPTION" text in the component setup inside the Content Editor in steps 49-50 of Part 1 in this lesson. See the example below.

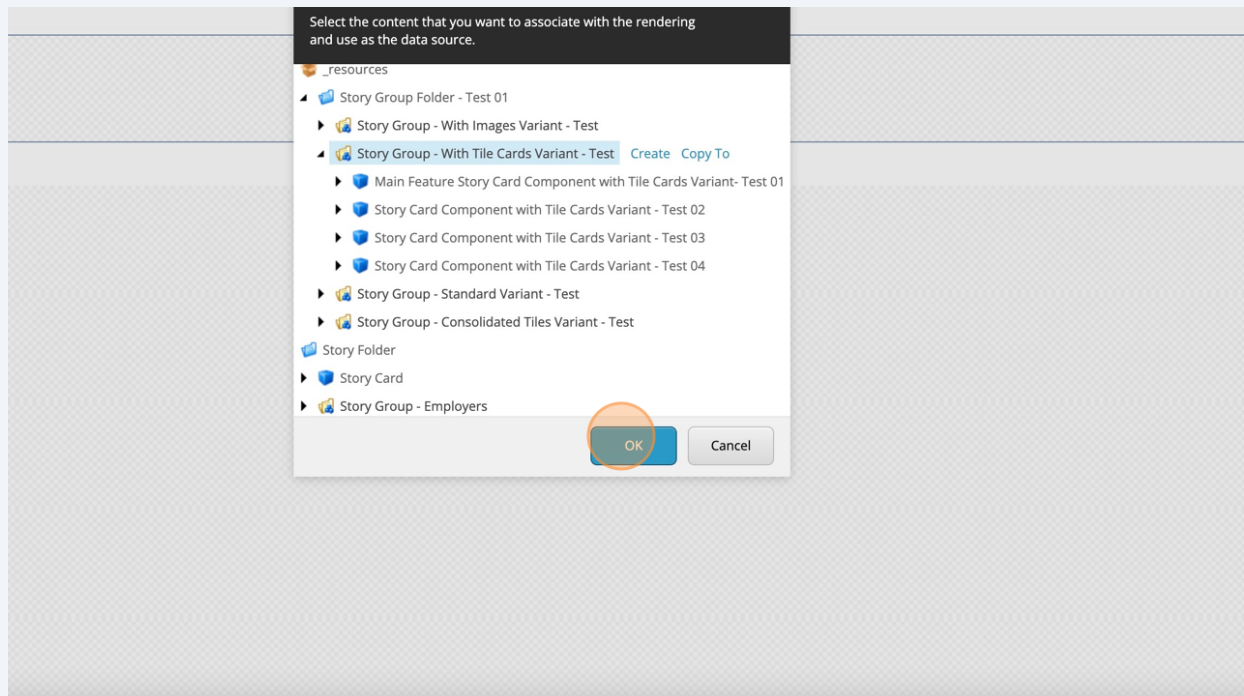
***IMPORTANT NOTE.** You must introduce this TEASER for Story Cards 2-4 for this "Tile Card" Variant. Story 1 (Highlighted Story) follows the "DESCRIPTION" method.

The screenshot displays the Sitecore Content Editor interface. On the left, a tree view shows the content structure, with 'Story Card Component with Title Cards Variant - Test 02' selected. The main editor area shows the configuration for this component. The 'Description' field is populated with sample text. The 'Teaser' field is highlighted with an orange circle and contains the same sample text. The 'Title' field is also populated with sample text. Below the title, there are checkboxes for 'Is Highlighted Story' and 'Display Video', both of which are unchecked. At the bottom, there is an 'Image' section with a 'Browse' button and links for 'Properties', 'Open media library', 'Edit image', 'Clear', and 'Refresh'.

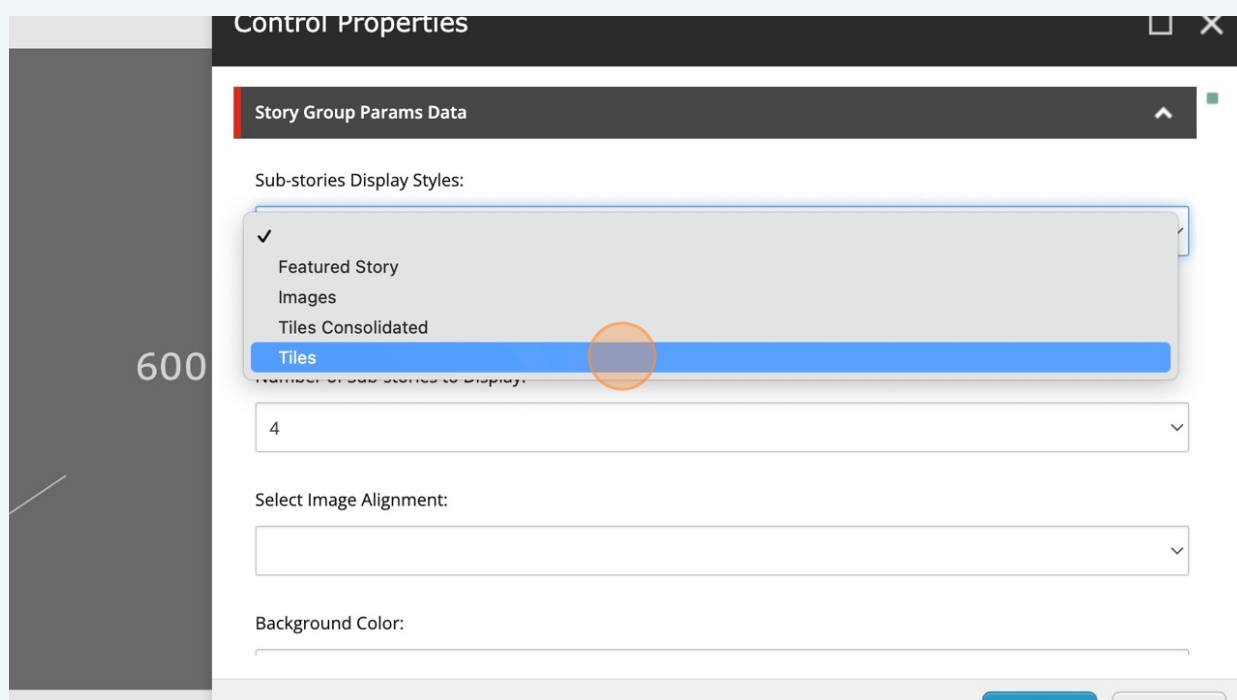
113

4.- When following the process of inserting your Story Group component into the page in the Experience Editor, as seen in Part 2 - Step 84, make sure you click the second "Story Group With Tile Cards Variant Test" folder within the structure and expand it. Once selected, click "OK"

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** Since all 4 Variants display differently, some fields, characters and image settings will vary. Please consider this when deciding which Story Group Variant you are seeking to apply.

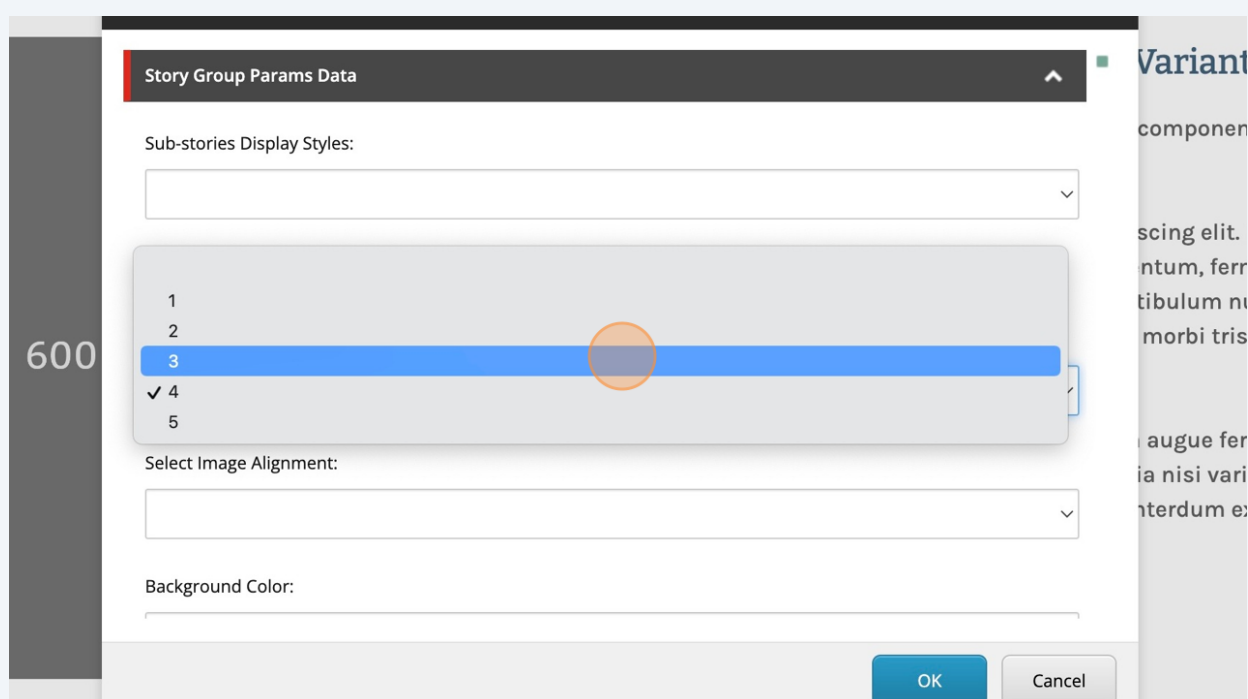


- 114 5.- Make sure when following the steps in Part 2 that you select "TILES" from the "Sub-stories Display Styles" dropdown in step 88.



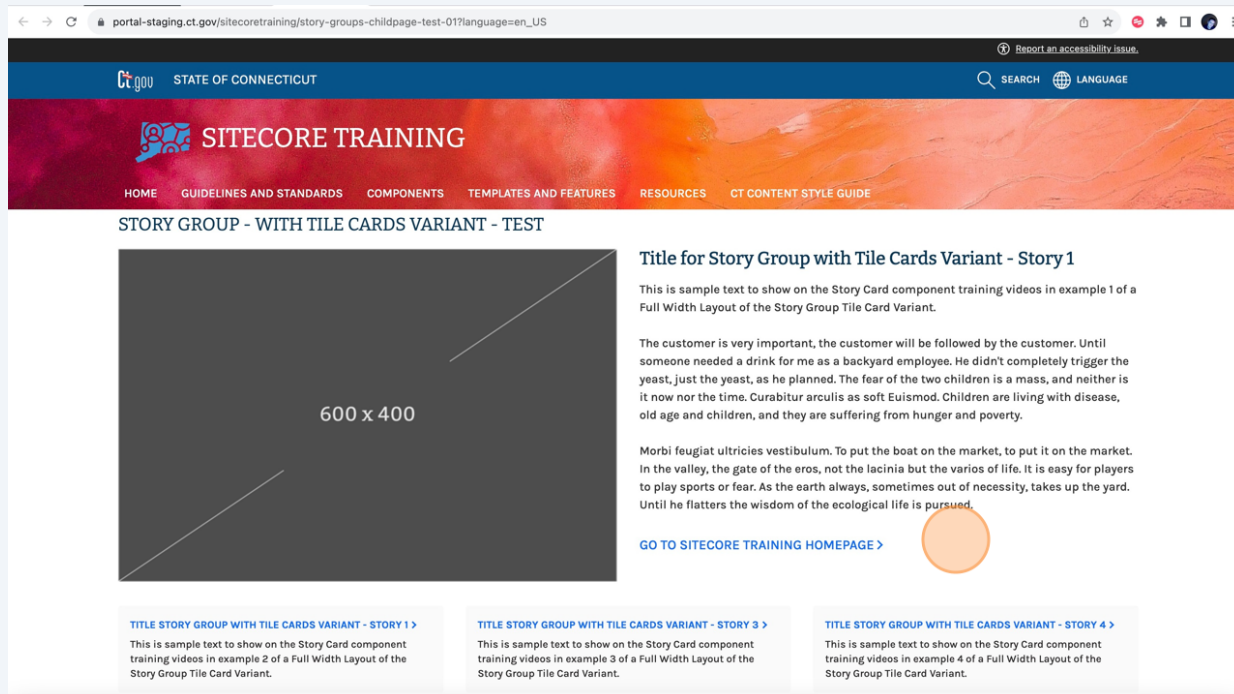
- 115 6.- For this lesson, also make sure to select "3" in the "Number of Sub-stories to Display" dropdown.

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** The "Number of Sub-stories to Display" will vary from time to time when using this component, it all depends on the amount of Story Cards you introduce into your Story Group. The options most widely used in [Ct.gov](https://www.courts.gov) sites are between 3-4 sub-stories.



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Below is a demonstration of how your page should look after accessing the Portal URL link from the required steps. This is an example of the "TILE CARD VERSION" Story Group component in a Full Width Sub-layout.



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Part 3.3. STANDARD VERSION STORY GROUP VARIANT

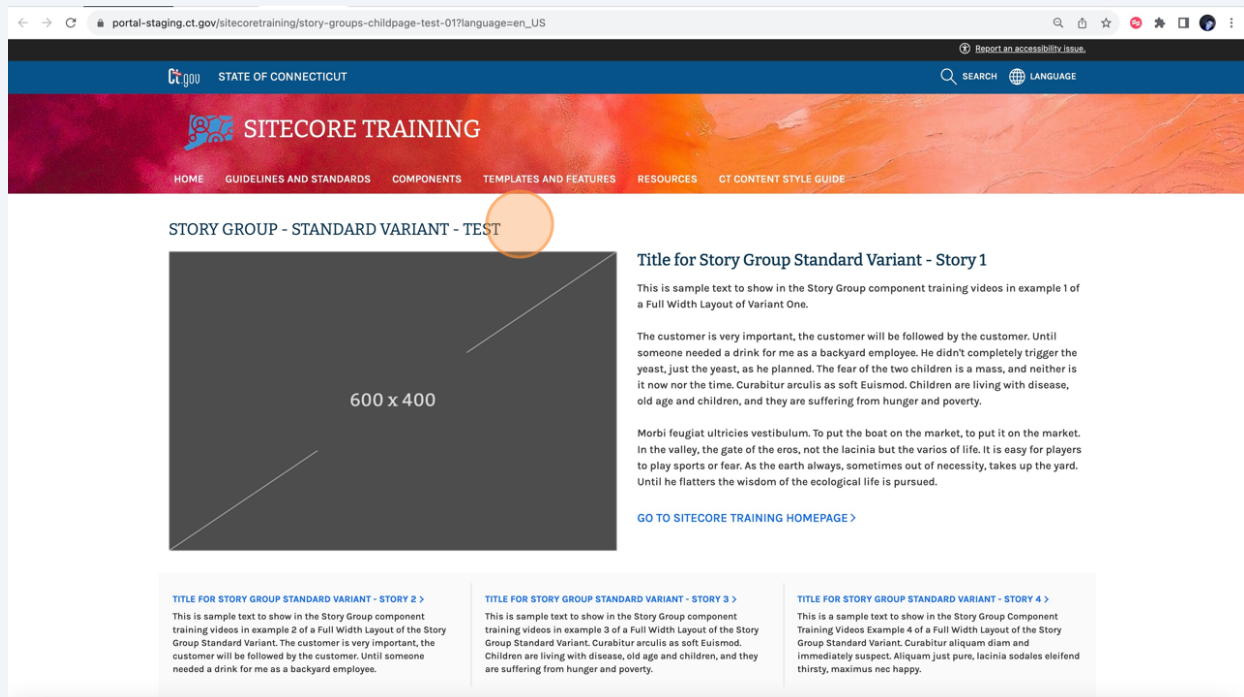
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Another variant for the Story Group Component is called the "STANDARD VERSION" Variant. This Story Group, as you can see, does not have the images included in the sub-stories as we previously viewed as well. They contain CTAs in the top part of the sub-story component and brief descriptions under the CTA in a solid light grey block with separator lines in between the stories.

In order to achieve the results as demonstrated below, there are some important details to consider:

1.- Make sure you have set up the components correctly in the Content Editor in Sitecore (follow steps 8-71 of Part 1 in this lesson).

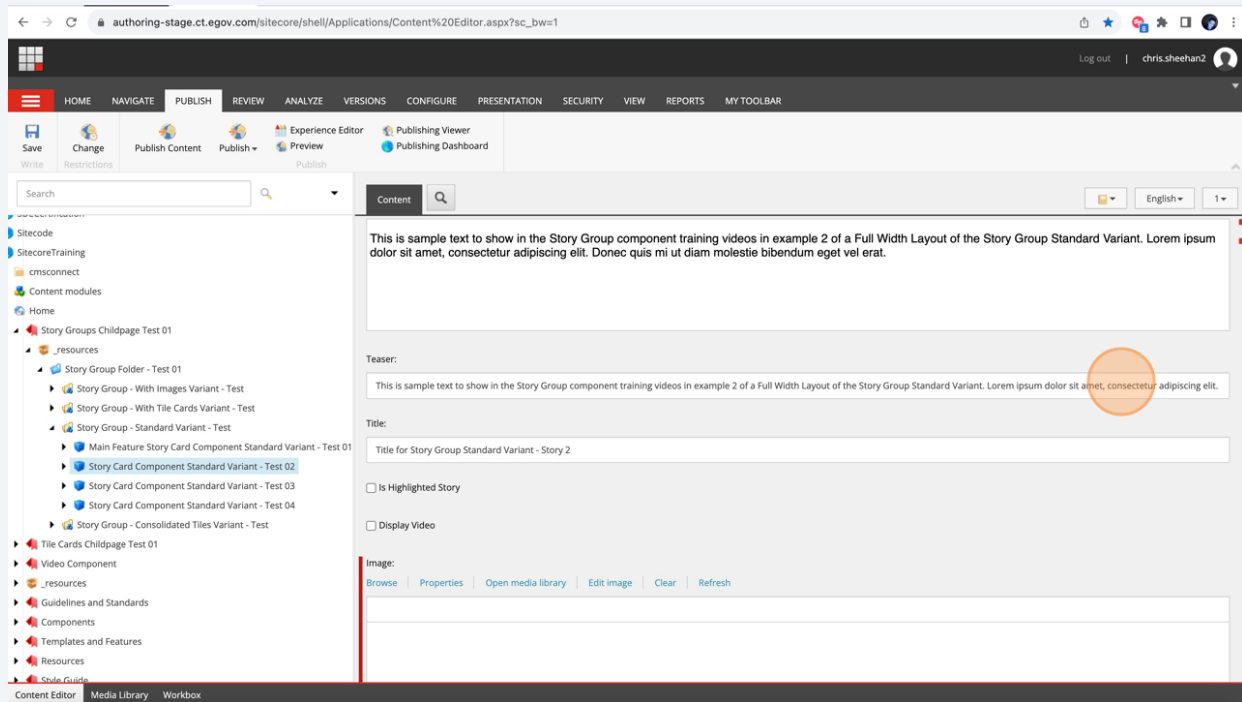
2.- Make sure you have set up the components correctly in the Experience Editor in Sitecore (follow steps 74-103 of Part 2 in this lesson).



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3.- Make sure you that you introduce "TEASER" text instead of "DESCRIPTION" text in the component setup inside the Content Editor in steps 49-50 of Part 1 in this lesson. See the example below.

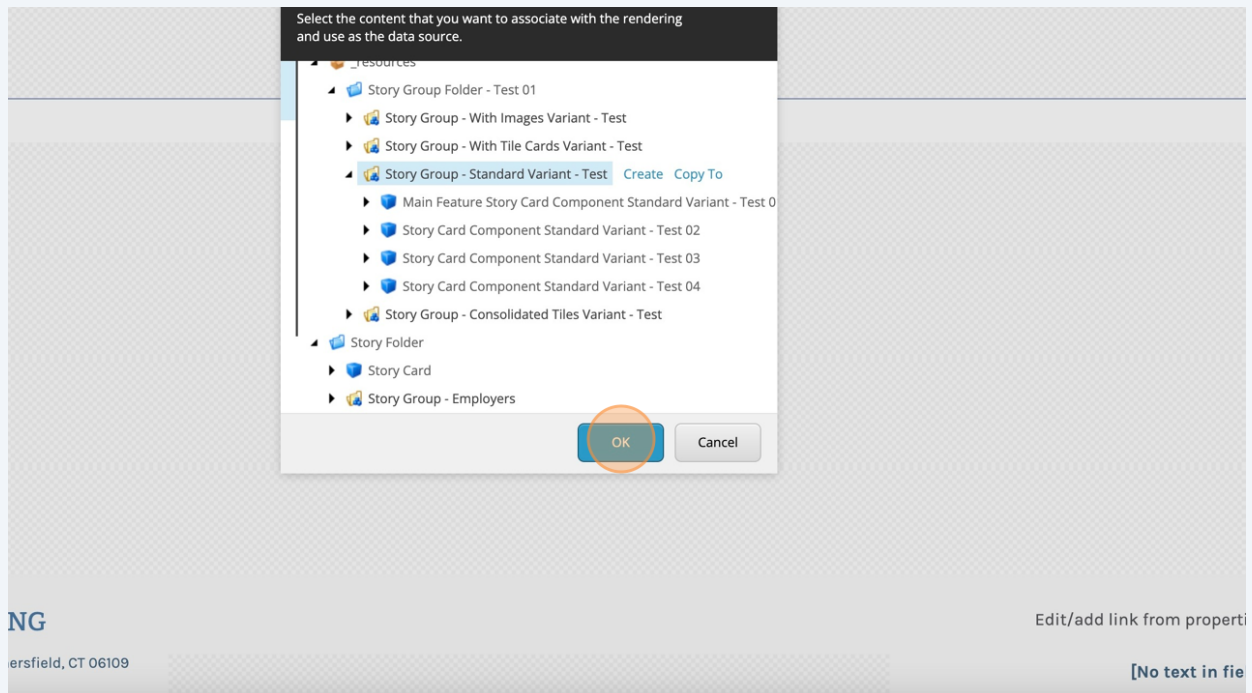
***IMPORTANT NOTE.** You must introduce this TEASER for Story Cards 2-4 for this "Standard Version" Variant. Story 1 (Highlighted Story) follows the "DESCRIPTION" method.



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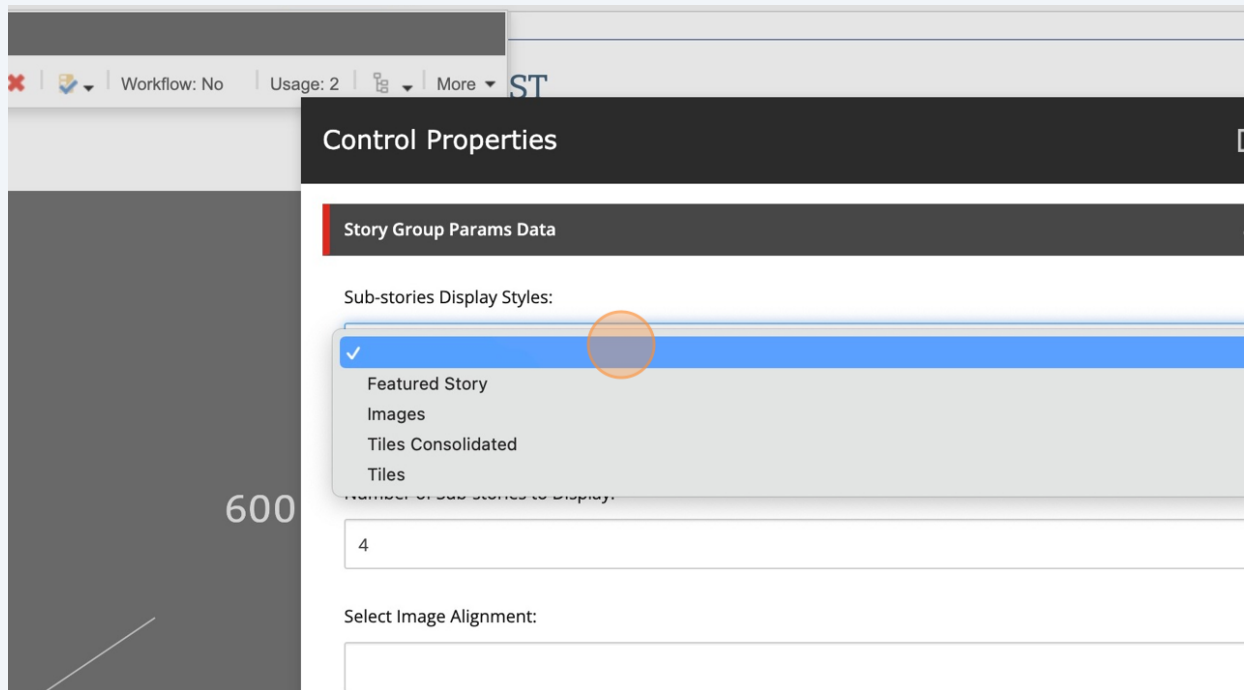
4.- When following the process of inserting your Story Group component into the page in the Experience Editor, as seen in Part 2 - Step 84, make sure you click the second "Story Group - Standard Variant Test" folder within the structure and expand it. Once selected, click "OK"

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** Since all 4 Variants display differently, some fields, characters and image settings will vary. Please consider this when deciding which Story Group Variant you are seeking to apply.



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5.- Make sure when following the steps in Part 2 that you select the BLANK option from the "Sub-stories Display Styles" dropdown in step 88. This variant is the default setting for this component and does not have a name.



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6.- For this lesson, also make sure to select "3" in the "Number of Sub-stories to Display" dropdown.

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** The "Number of Sub-stories to Display" will vary from time to time when using this component, it all depends on the amount of Story Cards you introduce into your Story Group. The options most widely used in [Ct.gov](https://www.ct.gov) sites are between 3-4 sub-stories.

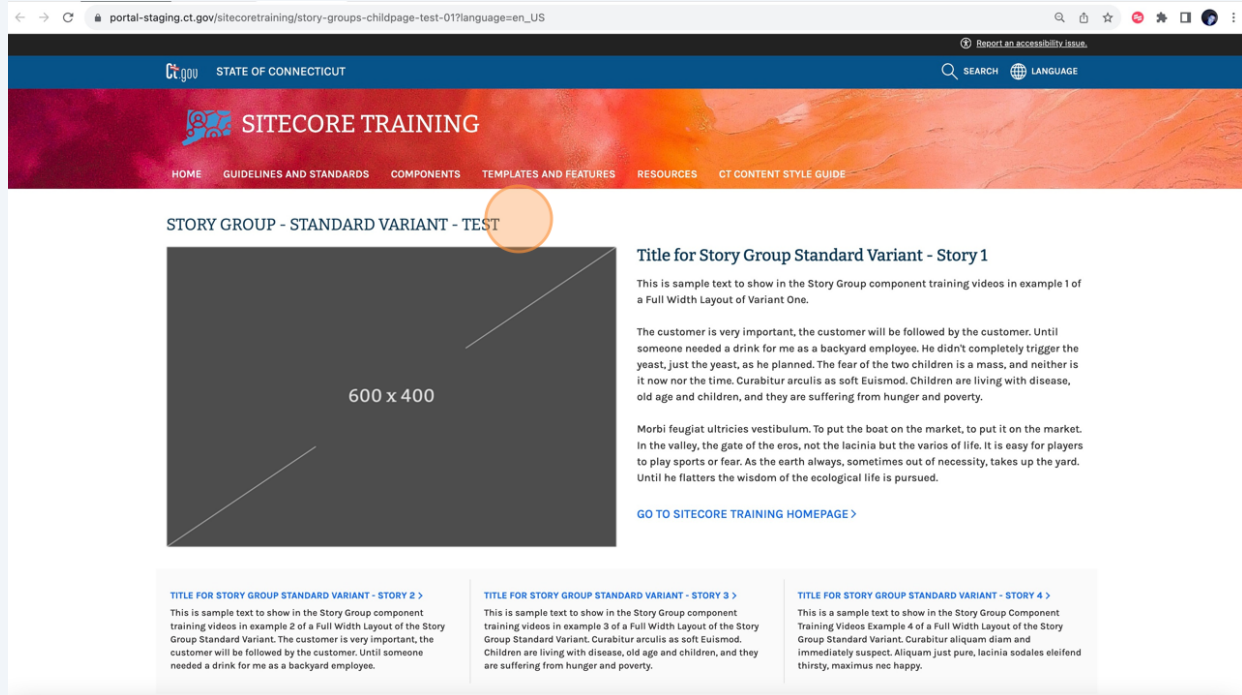
The screenshot shows a 'Story Group Params Data' dialog box with the following fields:

- Sub-stories Display Styles: (dropdown menu)
- ☐ Display Separator
- Number of Sub-stories to Display: (dropdown menu with '3' selected)
- Select Image Alignment: (dropdown menu)
- Background Color: (text input field)

At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'OK' button is highlighted with an orange circle. In the background, a story group layout is visible with three columns. The first column is titled 'Variant - Story 1' and contains placeholder text. The second and third columns are titled 'TITLE FOR STORY GROUP STANDARD VARIANT - STORY 3 >' and 'TITLE FOR STORY GROUP STANDARD VARIANT - STORY 4 >' respectively, and both contain '[No text in field]'.

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Below is a demonstration of how your page should look after accessing the Portal URL link from the required steps. This is an example of the "STANDARD VERSION" Story Group component in a Full Width Sub-layout.



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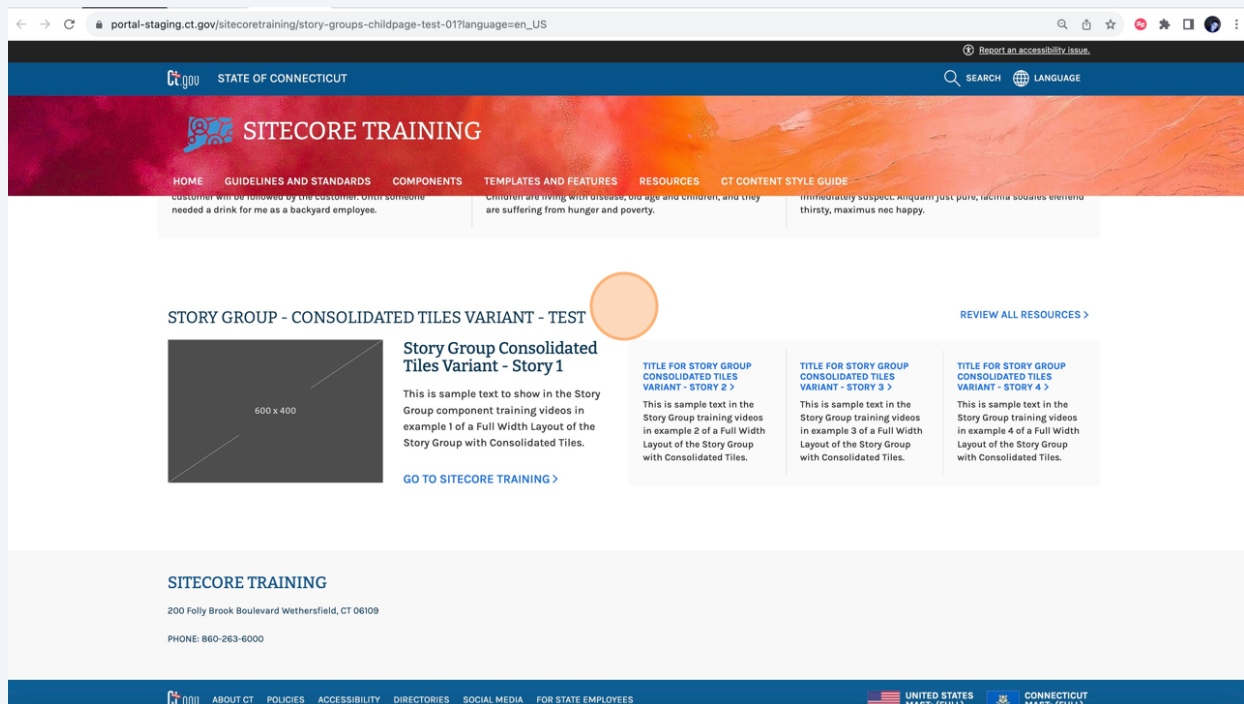
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Finally the last Story Group Component Variant that we will be looking at is called the "CONSOLIDATED TILES VERSION" Variant. This Story Group, as you can see, does not have the images included in the sub-stories as we previously viewed as well, and it is spread horizontally across the page. They contain CTAs in the top part of the sub-story component and brief descriptions under the CTA in a solid light grey block with separator lines in between the stories. You can also observe that there is a CTA above each sub-story.

In order to achieve the results as demonstrated below, there are some important details to consider:

1.- Make sure you have set up the components correctly in the Content Editor in Sitecore (follow steps 8-71 of Part 1 in this lesson).

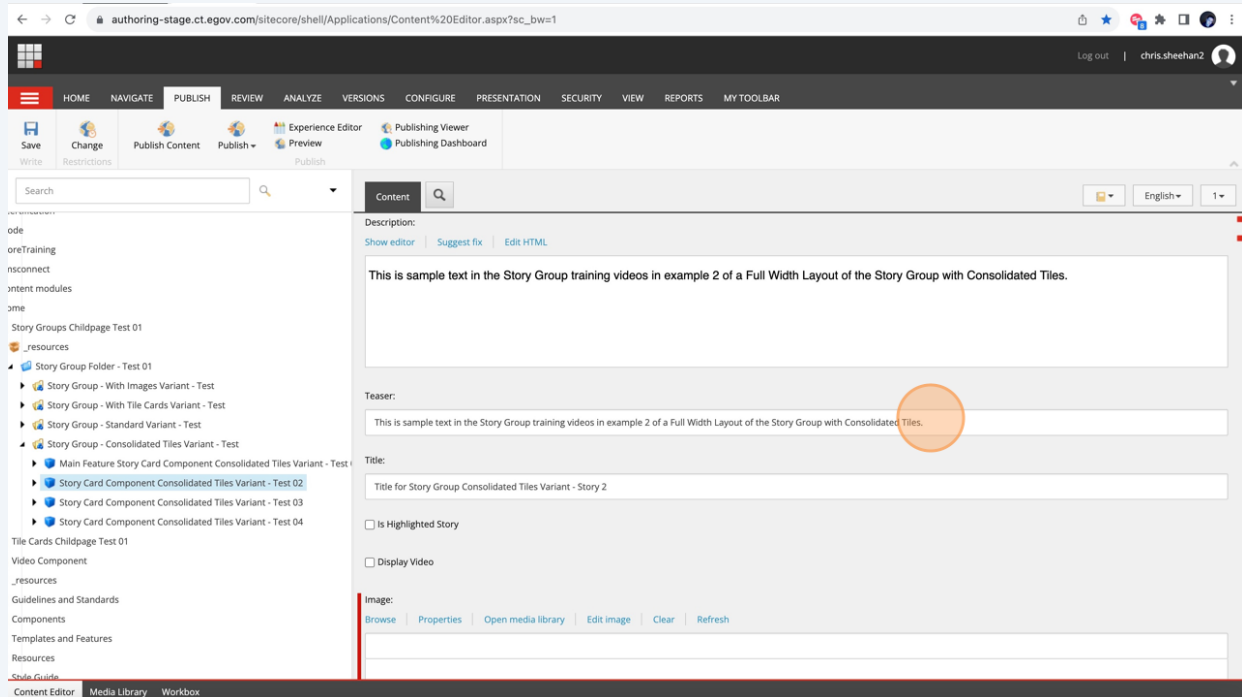
2.- Make sure you have set up the components correctly in the Experience Editor in Sitecore (follow steps 74-103 of Part 2 in this lesson).



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3.- Make sure you that you introduce "TEASER" text instead of "DESCRIPTION" text in the component setup inside the Content Editor in steps 49-50 of Part 1 in this lesson. See the example below.

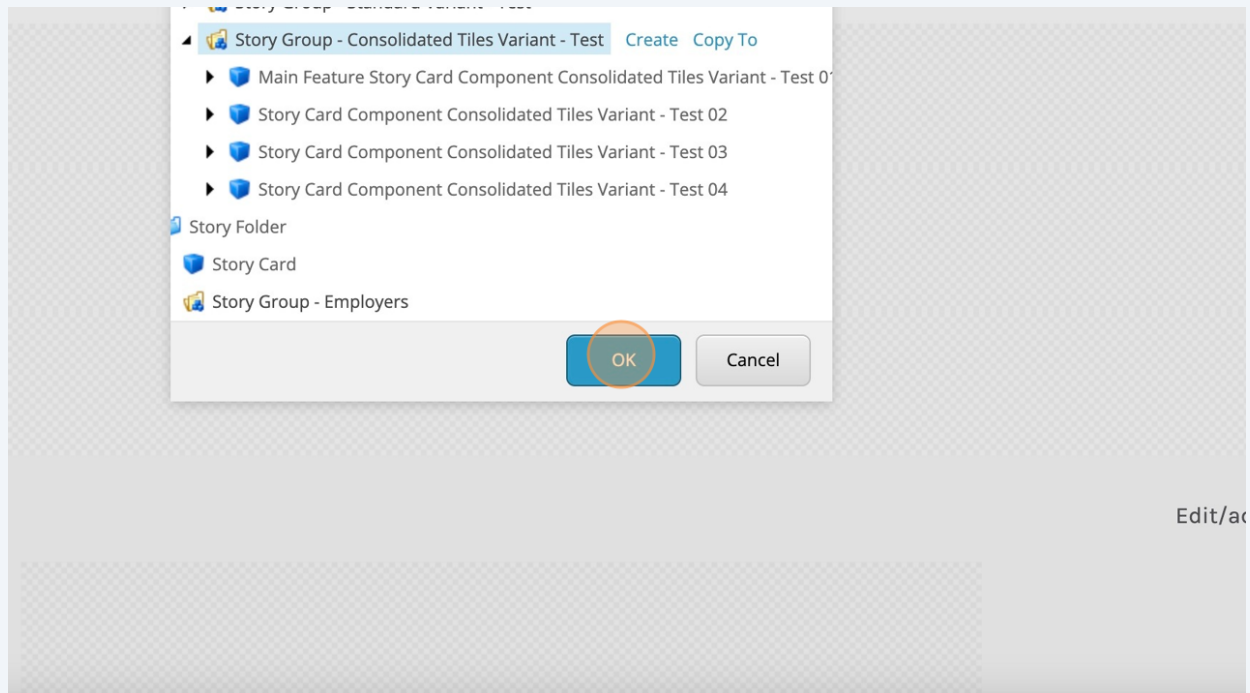
***IMPORTANT NOTE.** You must introduce this TEASER for Story Cards 2-4 for this "CONSOLIDATED TILES" Variant. Story 1 (Highlighted Story) follows the "DESCRIPTION" method.



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4.- When following the process of inserting your Story Group component into the page in the Experience Editor, as seen in Part 2 - Step 84, make sure you click the fourth "Story Group - Consolidated Tiles Variant Test" folder within the structure and expand it. Once selected, click "OK"

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** Since all 4 Variants display differently, some fields, characters and image settings will vary. Please consider this when deciding which Story Group Variant you are seeking to apply.



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5.- Make sure when following the steps in Part 2 that you select "TILES CONSOLIDATED" from the "Sub-stories Display Styles" dropdown in step 88.

Control Properties

Story Group Params Data

Sub-stories Display Styles:

- ✓ Featured Story
- Images
- Tiles Consolidated**
- Tiles

Number of Sub-stories to Display:

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Select Image Alignment:

Background Color:

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6.- For this lesson, also make sure to select "3" in the "Number of Sub-stories to Display" dropdown.

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** The "Number of Sub-stories to Display" will vary from time to time when using this component, it all depends on the amount of Story Cards you introduce into your Story Group. The options most widely used in [Ct.gov](https://www.ct.gov) sites are between 3-4 sub-stories.

Control Properties

Story Group Params Data

Sub-stories Display Styles:

Tiles Consolidated

Number of Sub-stories to Display:

- 1
- 2
- 3**
- ✓ 4
- 5

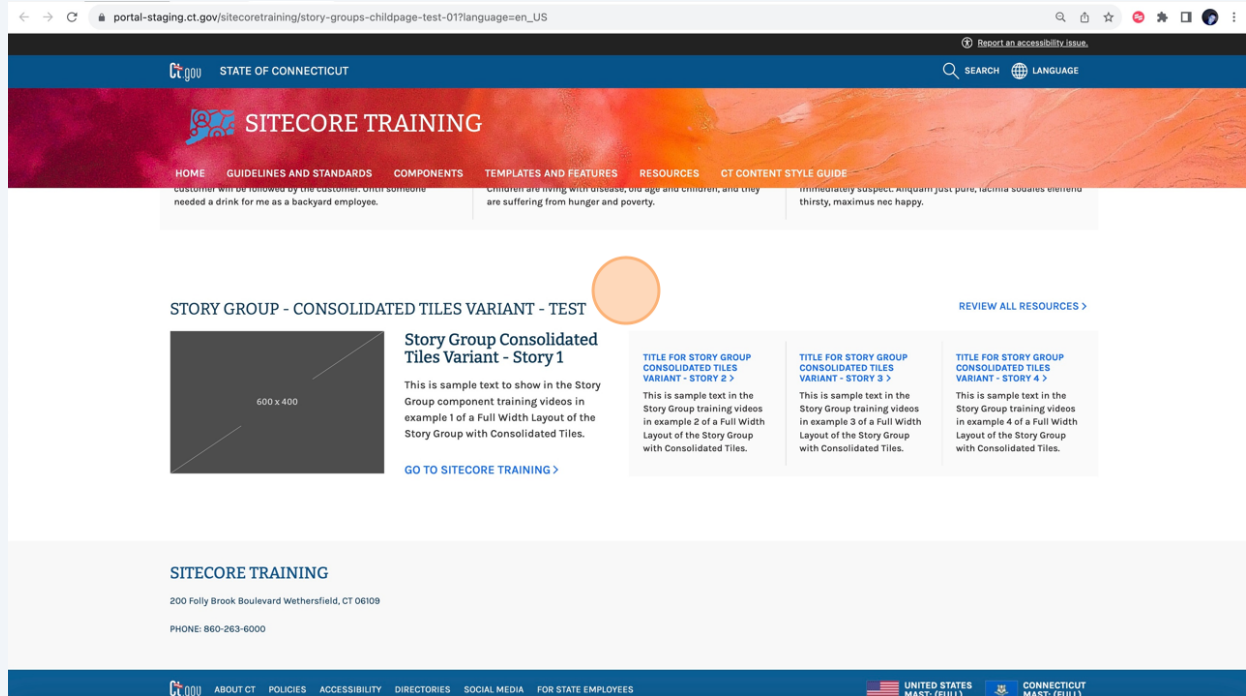
Select Image Alignment:

Background Color:

OK Cancel

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Below is a demonstration of how your page should look after accessing the Portal URL link from the required steps. This is an example of the "CONSOLIDATED TILES VERSION" Story Group component in a Full Width Sub-layout.



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End of Part 3.