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Basic structure storyline: the story arc or the narrative

3 components

Situation

Paint the picture

Why was I there

Who did I meet

What were the circumstances

What did I learn

Complication

What is the challenge

What is the obstacle

What do we have to get through

Solution

How do we make you a better version of yourself through this story

Difficult to get people to pay attention to what it is we are trying to tell them

Because nowadays people are already flooded with stories and different narratives. (from friends, family, brands, advertisements, social media)

How convince people to listen?

People don't care about your story

More important stuff to do

They've heard it all before

Other priorities

Already know it

Make them care. Make them the hero and the centre of the story and the solution Take them on the journey with me

Design your story with intent

Who are you speaking to? (target audience, how old, what do they already know etc, what is it that they know that you could help them become better, relevant to them, what do they care about and is it the same thing you also care about, language/how get them to pay attention)

What makes them hero? What is it to help them become the narrative of the story and be the hero. How to help them in this? To get them to become a better version Tell them where you're taking them (signposting).

I'm going to tell you how to tell a compelling story

Here is how your tell a compelling story

Recap: here is what I told you about how to tell a compelling story

Set their expectations and nail them every single time while moving through the narrative

Has to have an opinion

Makes people pay attention, this is what I think and this is what people take away from it. maybe trying to inform, trying to sell, trying to laugh etc.

Cause and effect

Don't make them do the work

Grabbing attention

Give them something to take away

Give them something they can walk away with

At the end people should be able to answer the question what did you learn? Keep it practical

Know your punchline!

It is stand-up comedy

Know where you are headed with the story and know how you are taking the people with you

Landing the ending

The fundamental human experience is that of compassion (Joseph Campbell the hero's journey)

It makes people care and that is the power of storytelling

• Will Storr: the science of storytelling

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Scientist and storytellers started at completely different stages, but ended up discovering the same things.

Stories emerges from brains as naturally as breath emerges from human lips Hacks on storytelling based on science
1.All stories change

Brains are obsessed with brains

• James Hurman: the simple story every company can tell James Hurman: The simple story every company can tell

It encages our emotions and brain chemistry in a way it doesn't get old

3 act story

Something happens to the founders that sets them off to a new story/ something happens Creation of a product that is better of different Adoptions of the product, change for the better everybody lives happily ever after

History and how/why you came to be Product how it is different or better Ambition to change the world They make you care

Story is already there no need for a big advertising company

Not only buying the product but also the course

Kelly Parker: Business storytelling made easy Business Storytelling Made Easy | Kelly Parker | TEDxBalchStreet

Stories are one of the most powerful forces on the planet to connect, persuade and influence our mindset, believes and behaviour

Storytelling is therefore one of the most powerful things there is

Facts are 20 times more remembered if they are in within a story Stories are proven to affect behaviour

1 Problem and the pursuit

Before you tell a story you must know who you are talking to
You have to understand your audience, their problem and pursuit
Problem is where they are now and how they feel about it
Pursuit is where they want to be, its who they want to be in this future perfect world

Take time to understand this

Good story listening always becomes before good storytelling

2 paint them a picture (they can remember and repeat) Show that you understand their problem but also shows a better future

Specific person, specific challenge, specific imitary, specific feelings

Be specific! --> include something they can relate to

3 propose

Stories get the timing right
Don't expect your audiences to buy too soon
Make them say he I've been waiting for this and it's about time

David JP Phillips: the magical science of storytelling

The magical science of storytelling | David JP Phillips | TEDxStockholm

Tricked by a story

Emotional investment

Falling in love resembles a good story and the biggest emotional investment Falling out of love things get annoying

13 months

Objective skills out of the window, hormones rushing in

Storytelling --> same thing can happen

Hormones and neurotransmitters can be released because of a story

Dopamine

Build suspense and launch a cliff hanger (all storytelling is dopamine creating because it is always something were waiting on or something we are expecting to come)

Dopamine levels go higher and people have more attention, are more focused and you have a better memory/remember things more

Oxytocin

You become more generous, you trust a person more and bond to a person or story
You feel more human and more relaxed
In storytelling you create empathy

Endorphin

You make people laugh, they become more creative, more relaxed and more focussed

Bad part is high levels of cortisol and adrenalin
Feel like being (schrikken)
High concentrations of this get to:
Intolerant
Irritable

Uncreative

Critical Memory impaired Bad decisions

Functional storytelling
1-everybody is a good storyteller, you do have to believe in it
2-write down your stories
3-index those stories

You pick the story you want to release the hormone you want to and the person you're talking to how you want it to get the results you want.