

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Tap into the power of storytelling to create positive change for 2021



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"To infinity and beyond..."

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Introduction - Jonathan Hodge, president and CEO, Advantage Performance Group Presenter - Kelly Dozois of Ocean Beach Consulting

ANSWER IN CHAT: What compelling story has inspired you to change or buy into a change?













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To infinity and beyond! The power of storytelling

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The history of story ...

- A 36,000-year-old tool
- Teaches and inspires
- Has predictable rules and patterns

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Definition of story ...

"A detailed narration of a character's **struggles** to **overcome obstacles** and reach an important goal"

The Hero's Journey

INSPIRATION

We all love a good hero's journey!



Why story works ...

Stories affect the brain both **neurologically** and **chemically**

Neurologically more of our brain is at work so we are more **focused**.

Chemical impact is a release of **oxytocin**, which is the hormone that allows us to care about another person, to feel like we are living it right along with them.

When we hear facts, two areas of our brains light up: language processing and language comprehension. But when we listen to stories, **neural activity increases fivefold**—we're using our motor cortexes and our emotion and visual image processing centers. We're imagining sensations, and we're processing emotional reactions.

We're more focused on the story and more likely to retain it later.

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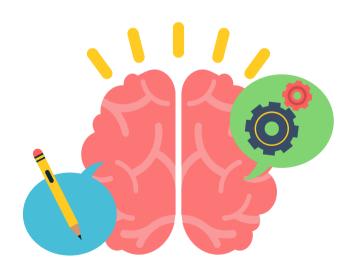
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For example...

When people were asked to memorize 12 words on **flash cards**, their retention rate was only...



13%

When they were asked to memorize 12 words **wrapped in a story format**, their retention rate went up to ...



4 primary types of stories

- Brand/product stories
- Customer stories
- Leadership stories
- New idea stories

A leadership story ...



How story works...

Every compelling story has a **predictable pattern** and set of **rules**.

A good story isn't just a narration of events in **chronological** order. The best ones have a series of **twists and turns**, struggles the hero encounters along the way.

Even better stories can effectively influence change when the storyteller establishes the 4C's of influence: **credibility**, **common ground**, **compelling details**, and an emotional **connection**.

Connect Emotionally Have you conveyed personal energy? I want to go for this... I know we can do this... I'm doing this because. Compelling through the details provided **STRUGGLE** Because of that... Common Ground Can your audience see themselves in your story? Credibility today and the person I will be tomorrow...or the values we held vesterday are the values we hold today and the values we will continue to hold tomorrow.

Story Spine

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Hope is our superpower for creating positive change, and the story we envision is our roadmap and inspiration to deliver on that change.



A story tool for



Download an interactive PDF you can use as a tool to create your own story based on the Story Spine from *Influencing* with Story[™].

Influencing with Story™ **Story Spine**



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create a story that inspires you to move in a new direction. Hope is our superpower for creating positive change, and the story we envision is our roadmap and inspiration to deliver on that change. **DIRECTIONS** Use the structure below to create your story! And ever since then... Resolution Until finally... Once upon a time... Introduction to setting and characters

- Every day... The Current State
- **BUT ONE DAY...** Inciting Incident, the moment that sets the hero on a new path
- Because of that... This is the heart of the story, the struggle that ensues from the inciting incident and the resolutions to those struaales





What will *your* story be?

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