



The Power of Storytelling in Learning Design



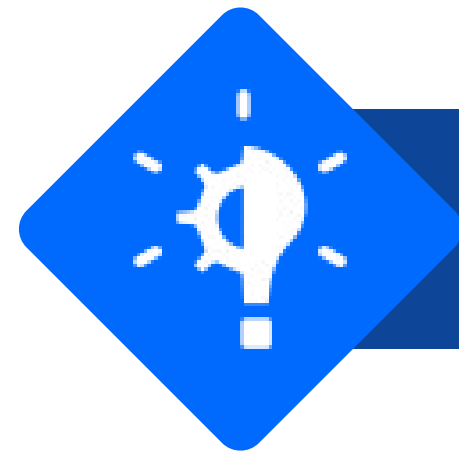
Introduction

In today's session, we will discuss the benefits of storytelling in learning design and how it can transform the learning experience.

Storytelling has been used for centuries as a powerful tool to engage, inspire, and convey knowledge.

By leveraging storytelling techniques in instructional design, we can create more meaningful and memorable learning experiences.

Lunch & Learn Objectives



Benefits of Storytelling

We'll learn about the benefits of storytelling in learning design and gain practical strategies to incorporate storytelling into our instructional designs.



Apply Your Knowledge

You'll be equipped with knowledge to create engaging and impactful learning materials through storytelling.

The Importance of Storytelling

- Engage
- Enhance
- Retain



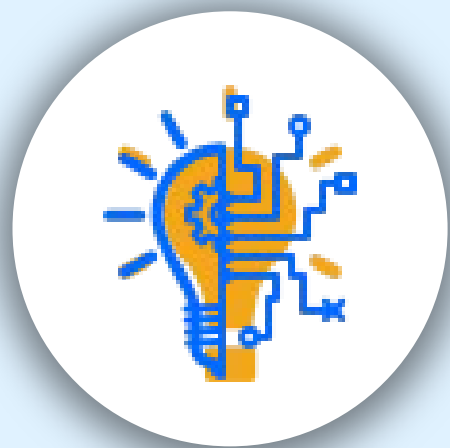
Types of Learning Content Suited for Storytelling



Soft Skills



Ethical or Moral
Dilemmas

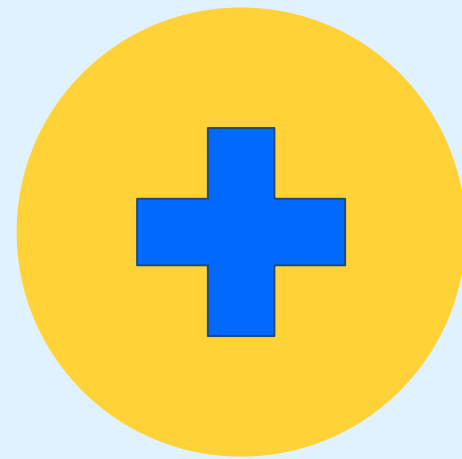


Complex or
Abstract
Concepts



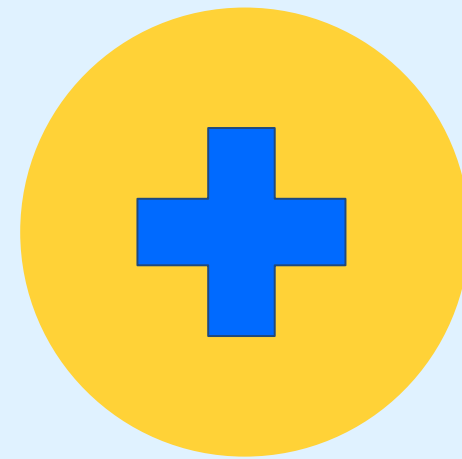
Historical or
Cultural Topics

Incorporating Storytelling into Instructional Design



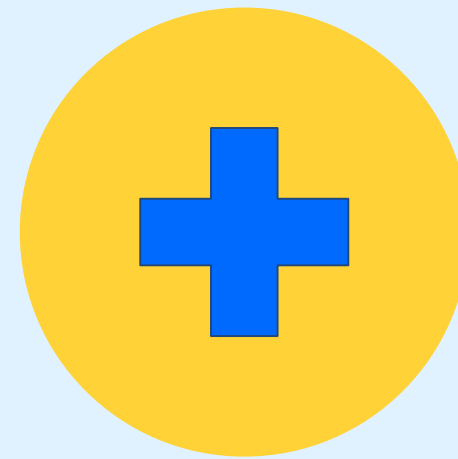
Analysis

Identify the learning objectives and determine where storytelling can enhance engagement and understanding.



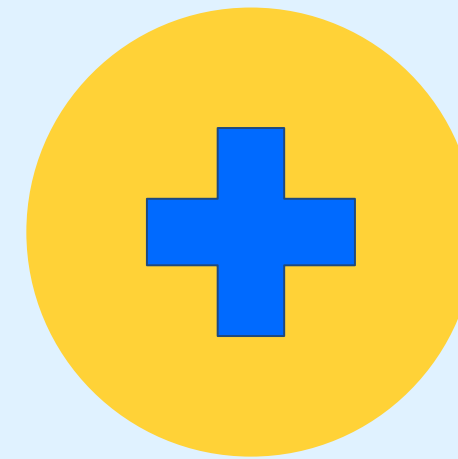
Design

Craft narratives, create characters, and develop storylines that align with the learning objectives.



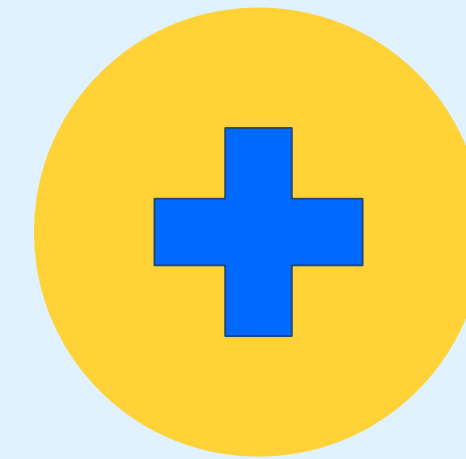
Develop

Integrate storytelling elements into learning materials, such as videos, interactive scenarios, or case studies.



Implement

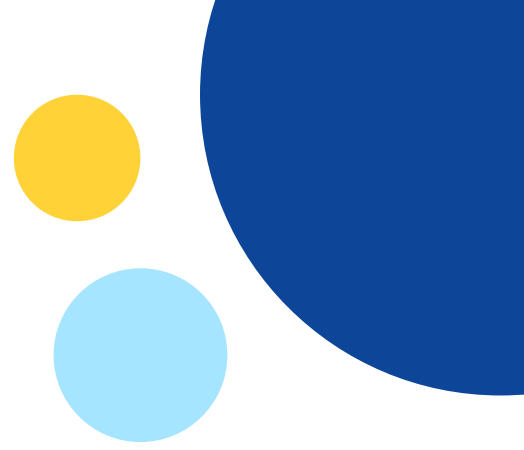
Facilitate learner interaction with the stories and provide opportunities for reflection and application.



Evaluate

Assess the effectiveness of storytelling in achieving the desired learning outcomes and make adjustments as needed.

How Storytelling Supports Design Thinking



Empathy and Understanding



Problem Framing



Ideation and Brainstorming



Collaboration and Communication



Iteration and Prototyping



User Testing and Feedback

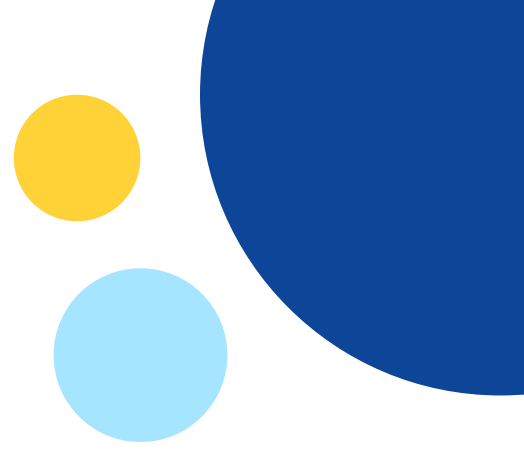


Pitching and Advocacy



Storytelling Framework for Instructional Designers

Learning Objectives & Knowing Your Audience



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Identify Learning Objectives

- First, clearly define the learning objectives.
- Next, determine key knowledge, skills, or behaviors that learners will need.

Know Your Audience

- Analyze the characteristics of the target audience, including their background, experience, and learning preferences.
- Consider their motivations, challenges, and interests to tailor the story effectively.

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Engage & Develop

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Choose an Engaging Storyline

- Select a compelling storyline that aligns with the learning objectives and resonates with the audience.
- Consider using relatable characters, conflicts, and settings to capture learners' attention and create an emotional connection.

Develop the Characters

- Create well-developed characters that represent different perspectives, roles, or experiences relevant to the learning content.
- Give them relatable traits, motivations, and challenges to make them authentic and engaging.

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Setting & The Two C's

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Establish the Setting

- Set the story in a context that mirrors real-world situations or scenarios related to the learning content.
- Consider incorporating elements such as time, place, culture, or industry-specific environments.

The Two C's

- Present a *conflict* or *challenge* that the characters must face, directly linked to the learning objectives.
- Ensure that the *conflict* or *challenge* reflects real-world situations learners might encounter.

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Illustrate & Engage

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Illustrate the Learning Points

- Weave the learning points or concepts into the story naturally.
- Show how characters apply the knowledge, skills, or behaviors relevant to the learning objectives.

Create Opportunities for Engagement

- Incorporate interactive elements within the story to engage learners actively.
- Include decision points, branching scenarios, or problem-solving activities that allow learners to make choices and experience consequences.

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Reflect & Resolve

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Provide Reflection and Application

- Allow time for learners to reflect on the story and connect it to their own experiences or knowledge.
- Offer opportunities for learners to apply the lessons learned from the story to real-world situations.

Conclude with a Resolution or Lesson

- Provide a satisfying resolution to the story that demonstrates the application of the learning points.
- Reinforce the key takeaways and explicitly connect them to the learning objectives.

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Let's Discuss!

Summary and Key Takeaways

- Storytelling offers numerous benefits in learning design, including increased engagement, improved understanding, and long-term retention.
- Certain types of content, such as soft skills, complex concepts, ethical dilemmas, and historical/cultural topics, are well-suited for storytelling approaches.
- Incorporating storytelling into instructional design involves strategic planning and integration throughout the ADDIE model.
- Storytelling supports design thinking.
- Use a storytelling framework to help make your stories more impactful.





Questions?