The Secret Sauce

Your Story & How You Tell It

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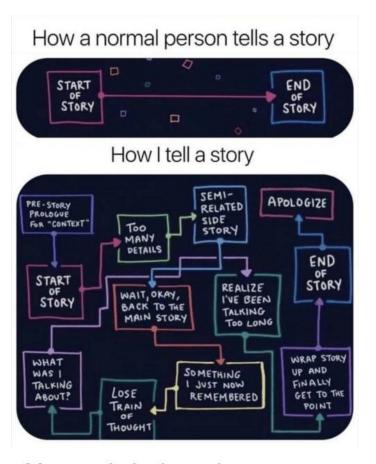




The point of this talk

Thesis: The better you are at sharing your story and helping others with theirs, the more opportunities you will have to accomplish your aspirations.





My cousin is the only person who tells complex stories



Three Aspects to Every Story

- 1. The What.
- 2. The How.
- 3. The Why.

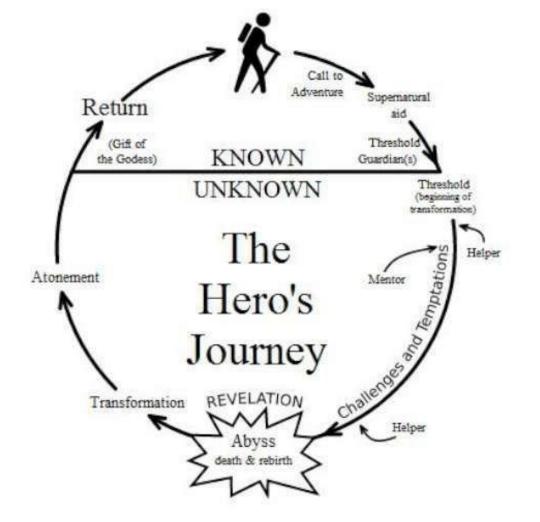




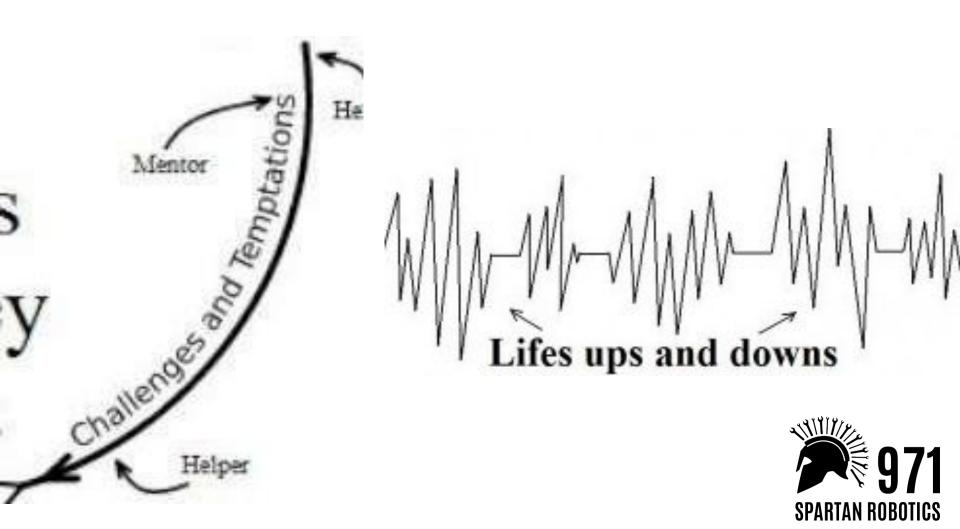


















The Characters?



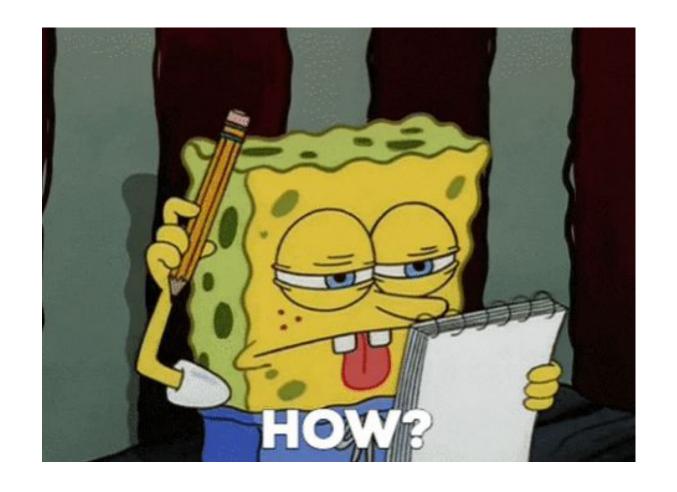


The Setting?

- 1. Where are you from and what role does that play in shaping your aspirations?
- 2. What is unique about the community you are from?
- 3. What can you add to your community that was not in place previously?

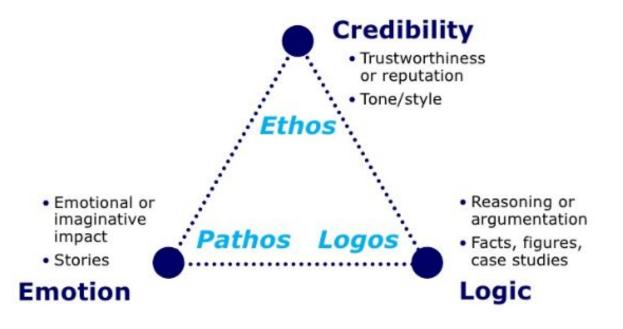








Aristotle's rhetorical triangle





8 Steps to Success

- 1. Have a Great Attitude
- 2. Be on Time
- 3. Be Prepared
- 4. Make the most out of the time you have to work
- 5. Set objectives appropriately
- 6. Maintain Your Attitude
- 7. Know Why You are Here and What You are Here For
- 8. Take Control



The Golden Thread

- Definition: Clear & Concise
 Way of Communicating Your
 Team's Mission
 - Essay: Weave your team's goals throughout the essay, and using your outreach to support that
 - Presentation: putting a face to the golden thread
 - Video: Sharing the golden thread with your community
- More than a thesis







Body Language & Your Communication Skills

- Sometimes the important thing someone is telling you, is what they're NOT saying
- Reading the situation & your environment
- Assuming the Sale
- Eliminating Verbal Tics



Recruitment

- Students with infectious enthusiasm for their team/STEM/FIRST
 - Speech & Debate, Journalism, Drama, Sports
- Parents
 - o Grant writing, lawyers, businesspeople, anyone with any writing/presentation skills
- Minimum Barriers for Entry
 - Literate & determined



Stories





Making Lists & Checking Them Twice

- Start with a list of outreach:
 - Anything impactful
 - Team Demographics
 - Scholarships
 - Rough Estimates of How Many People Attended your Event
 - Sponsors
- Ask yourself, parents, mentors, and other students:
 - What are our favorite things to do as a team?
 - If you could only have three words to describe your team what would they be?





- Reasoning or argumentation
- Facts, figures, case studies

Logic

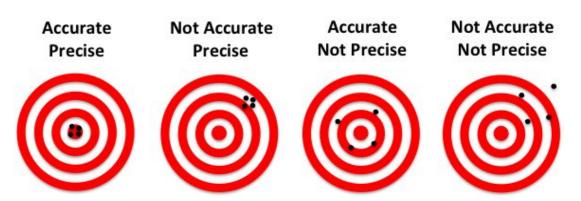


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Item	Hours Spent	IVIEGALI GULLIELI	n Total Hours	People Impacted	Number of People A
ELD Classes	4	Jan 3, 2017 Resolve	32	300	30
Technology Showcase	3	Since I wasn't at these events, if someone could help give estimates to the 1) duration of the event & 2) time spent planning for event in this category that would be helpful	30	200	
Robonaza Intuitive Surgical	3		30	200	
Company Picnic 2015	5		75	300	
Machining Sponsor Picnic	4		40	150	
Club Arena at MVHS	2	o	10	800	
STEM Week at MVHS	1	8	8	700	
Youtube	8	2	16	35,000	
Facebook	2	3	6	1545	
Java One Conference	6	5	30	2,000	
Mountain View Voice	3	2	6	40,000	
Alumni Potluck Presentation	3	15	45	40	40
ABC Channel 7 News	1	2	2	77,000	
Los Altos Town Crier	2	2	4	30,000	
Mountain View Open House	4	20	80	100	
Giffy Downloads/Views	2	2	4	4,000	
Tech Tuesday	6	3	18	300	
STEM Day	4	6	24	150	
Meeting with Superintendent	5	7	35	400	
Nvidia Ground Breaking Project	4	8	32	250	
∩itv Hall	1	1	16	100	4

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Accuracy Builds Credibility

- Following the definitions provided by *FIRST*:
 - Teams: Started, Mentored, Assisted, Published Resources
 - o Events: Hosted, Ran, Assisted
- Laying out team contributions for projects









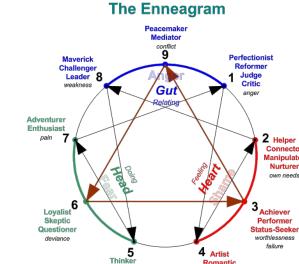


Maya Angelou: "At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel."



Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion





Observer

Investigator



Some of Our Favorite Birds







2 Helper Connector Manipulator Nurturer own needs

Achiever

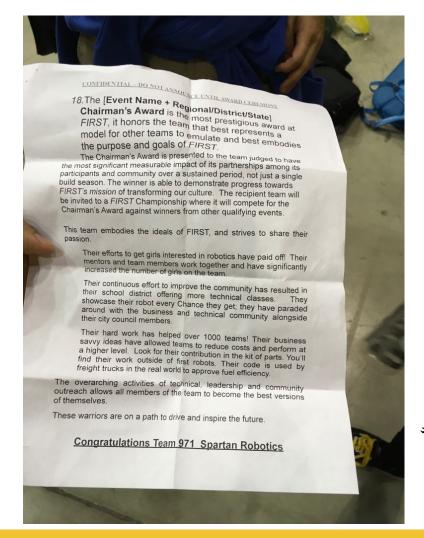
Performer

Individualist

ordinariness



So others can tell your story





Celebrating Team Values & Accomplishments





Thank You!

