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# Transmedia Education

What is Transmedia

Why Transmedia Education

Framework for designing Transmedia Education

Role-Play Experience Design

Transmedia Education Research

How you can use Transmedia principles







"...narratives that simultaneously develop on multiple media." (Giovagnoli, 2011)

"A transmedia story unfolds across multiple media platforms with each new text making a distinctive and valuable contribution to the whole." (Jenkins 2006)





#### The student should develop the following talents:

- Resourcefulness- critical thinking to solve problems;
- Sociability- communication through media/technology;
- Mobility- multiple platform development through mobile devices;
- Accessibility- action through different touch points;
- Language- improve English through Storytelling.



### Transmedia

**Transmedia Storytelling** is the process of communication that reveal a narrative experience through multiple media platforms, emotionally connecting with learners by involving them personally.

**Transmedia Learning** is the sustained experience that results in measurable behavior change. The behavior can be intellectual, attitudinal, or a combination of both.



**Channel:** a method of communication such as video, audio, live event, text.

**Media:** such as a text file, an mp4 file, a poster, a banner.

**Platform:** supports the channel & media such as YouTube, a museum, a website.

Format: the arrangement of platforms and

channels that create participation.

**Device:** allows access to the platforms such as a PC, a tablet, a mobile phone.



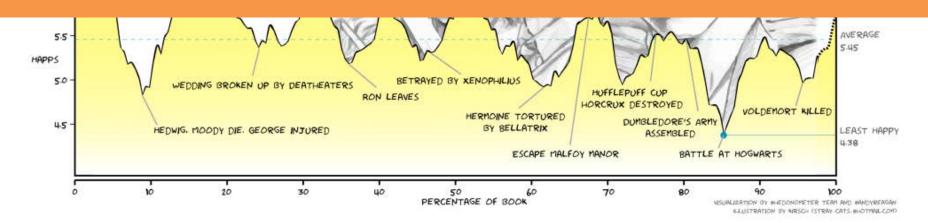


## Storytelling

What is a story?

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling

# TRANSFORMATION







## Transmedia Storytelling

#### Man in Hole

The main character gets into trouble then gets out of it again and ends up better off for the experience.



Arsenic and Old Lace



Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle

#### Boy Meets Girl



The main character comes across something wonderful, gets it, loses it, then gets it back forever.



Jane Eyre



Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

#### From Bad to Worse



The main character starts off poorly then gets continually worse with no hope for improvement.



The Metamorphosis



The Twilight Zone

#### Which Way Is Up?



The story has a lifelike ambiguity that keeps us from knowing if new developments are good or bad.



Hamlet

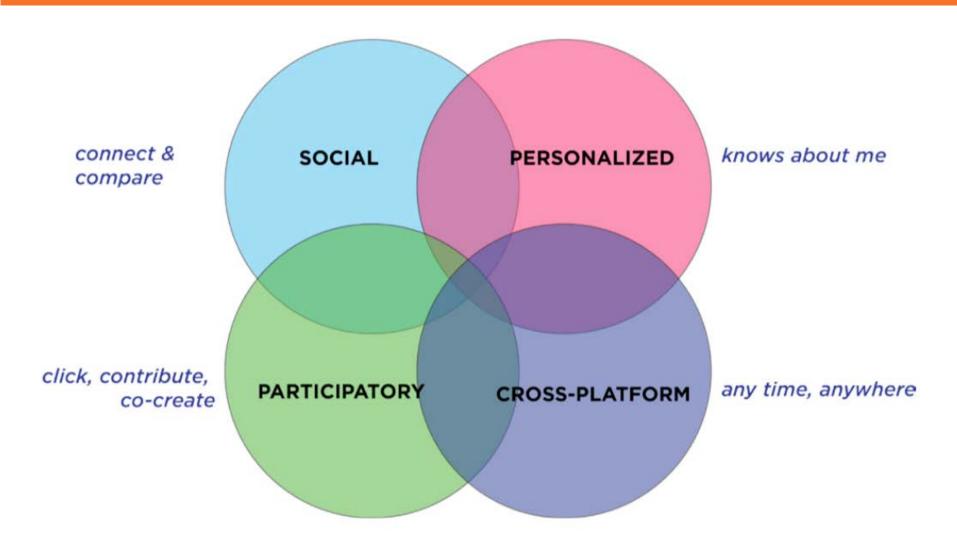


The Sopranos





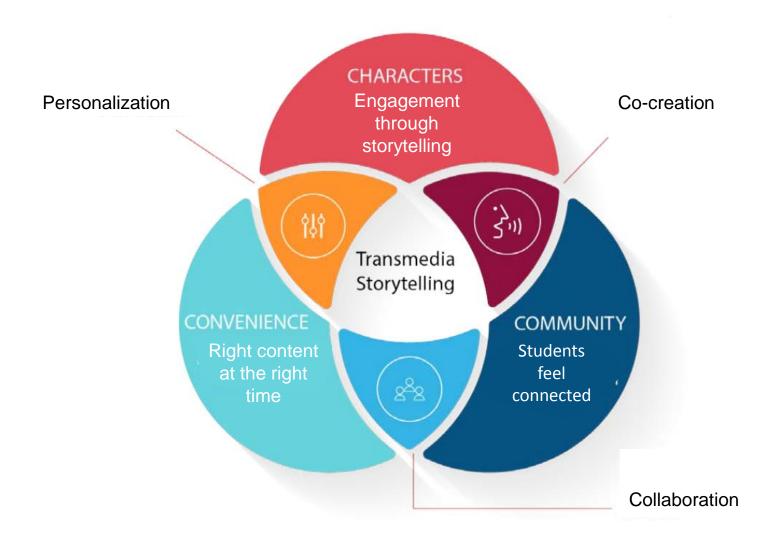
# Transmedia Storytelling







# Why tell stories?







### How to make Toast



### **Complex System**

**Nodes:** each drawing represents part of the whole, mental objects or containers that describe the story.

**Links:** between the nodes represent connections and can illustrate relationships, flows of information or knowledge.

**Nodes & links:** create complex system models that scaffold learning.



# How to Teach Writing







# Making The Story



### The Sudents

Mixed group of Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai and Brazilian

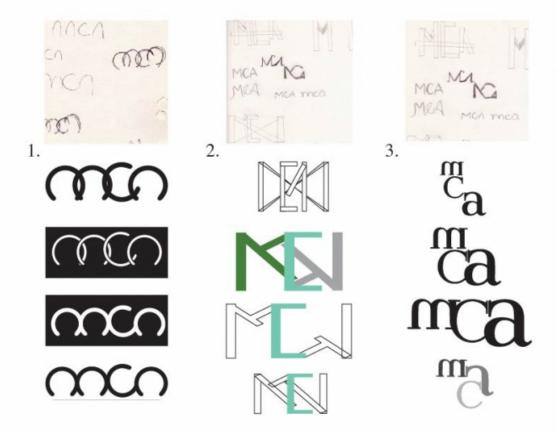






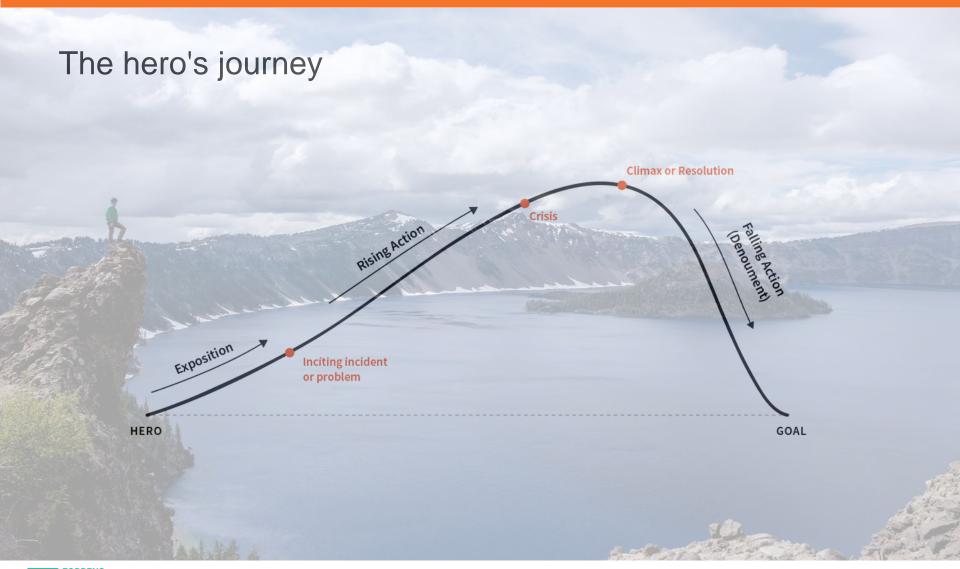
## The Assignment

#### Re-Branding the MCA





# The Story





# The Story Arc

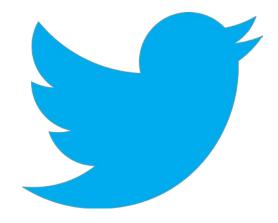
| Hero's Journey              | Re-branding the MCA   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Ordinary world →          | Self-reflection what skills does a designer require?                              |
| 2 Call to adventure →       | Role play brief and deconstruction of actions required                            |
| 3 Refusal of the call →     | Identify the challenges in Re-branding the MCA                                    |
| 4 Meeting with the mentor → | Teacher/guest speaker provides the details of the Re-Branding through a web quest |
| 5 Crossing the threshold →  | Mind mapping knowledge and research direction                                     |
| 6 The test, allies →        | Students have a 3 minute presentation defending their idea                        |
| 7 The approach →            | Research their ideas and note taking strategies                                   |
| 8 The ordeal →              | The creation of a first draft   |
| 9 Reward →                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> feedback Positive/ solution based                                 |
| 10 Road back →              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> presentation of ideas around the re-branding                      |
| 11 Resurrection →           | Collaborative peer feedback, group of individual                                  |
| 12 Transformation →         | Reflection on the Re-branding   |





### **Platforms**

















### Referencing: The Story Arc 1/2

The overall story arc of Referencing could be something like this:

#### **Exposition**:

This is where we lay the groundwork for the student. What is referencing, why we reference, how we reference. Think of it as an introduction that helps the student settle into the story.

#### Rising action:

This is where we begin to move the story forward and where we introduce conflict, such as problems and challenges that students must overcome. This could be separated into four elements:

- the trigger the problem with referencing that the student encounters;
- the quest how the student deals with this problem through the resources available:
- the surprise unexpected situations such as how to reference a twitter feed, and
- the critical choice the decisions that the student makes that leads to the climax of the story.



# Referencing: The Story Arc 2/2

#### **Climax:**

This is the tipping point where the student starts to understand what's happening. The climax is usually where the most exciting or important actions occur. Why and how do I reference;

#### Falling action:

This is where the student begins to practice and understand what referencing is and how it becomes part of their student experience.

#### **Resolution:**

This is where major problems are solved and loose ends are tied up.

This story is told through various media channels whose affordances lend themselves to certain communication types.



### Referencing: The Heroes Journey

#### **Exposition**:

**Video** - an outline of the problems associated with academic writing through the eyes of a student. This is the activation channel.

#### **Rising Action:**

**Power-point** delivery that incorporates a voice over, going through an authentic task.

- Introduction of the AWG template
- Examples of referencing anomalies
- Referencing quiz this could be via BB

#### **Climax:**

Student feedback from LAS staff via online Zoom lecture

#### Falling action:

Facebook discussion with peers concerning referencing

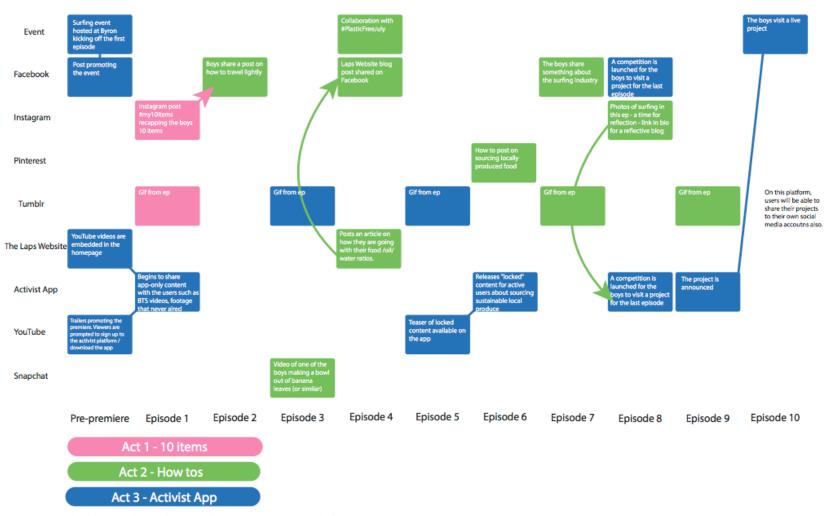
#### **Resolution:**

Student starts to work on their own assignments seeking clarification through an FAQ channel (attempted a **smart bot through Slack Channel**)



### Transmedia Bible

#### User journey map



This blue storyline is dominant because it's the one with the most potential for social behavioural change. We see this storyline as act 3 which the other two storylines lead up towards

Grab opportunities to explore broader storyline in different ways to enrich the core learning outcomes.

Go beyond each individual element to tell the learning narrative.

Use a narrative framework of media elements that invite the learner co-create their knowledge.

Use Role-Play to explore the story in the real world.

Leverage synchronous and asynchronous, private, and public communication.



## Referencing: The Heroes Journey

21st Century education requires

transformational strategies. Transmedia

Education goes beyond individual solutions

toward more connected, persistent, and

unforgettable experiences.

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