TELL YOUR STORY

WRS Level 2

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will

- Discuss the importance of creativity and innovation in the workplace.
- Brainstorm and contribute ideas, strategies, and solutions.
- Develop and/or improving products, services, or processes.
- Connect personal values to a career in a concise narrative.
- Refine or improve one's personal story, based on audience.

ICEBREAKER

Watch the video and discuss:

What are Bill Gates's strengths and weaknesses?

Who is he as a person?

GO OVER A SAMPLE OF QUESTIONS (PRE-)

Provided as part of this activity

INTERVIEWERS WANT TO KNOW…

- Who is this person?
- How will this person get along with others?
- How will this person represent the company?
- How might this person react to stress, problems, and adversity?
- How does this person solve or overcome problems?

CREATIVITY

The idea of telling your story is tremendously creative in that it forces you to connect elements of experience or story elements to a character trait.

Creativity is partly about making something new and meaningful out of different elements.

HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY

- ❑ Keep it appropriate in a professional setting.
- ❑ Keep it simple.
- ❑ Think of the character trait first.
- ❑ Focus on a story that describes that character trait.
- ❑ Use all the elements of effective storytelling.
- ❑ Memorize it and practice it. Aim for clarity.

STORY ELEMENTS

These are on the worksheet:

- ✓ Character
- ✓ Setting
- ✓ Plot
- ✓ Conflict
- ✓ Resolution

STORY ELEMENT: CHARACTER(S)

This is simple. In a personal story, this is you. More importantly, decide which characteristic(s) you want the story to show, which you might save this to reveal it at the end.

STORY ELEMENT: SETTING

This just allows your audience to understand "context" to make it real to them. It could be a historical moment, or a particular day or location.

STORY ELEMENT: PLOT

These are the events. Focus on the simplest way to tell the events, which is sequential, chronological.

STORY ELEMENT: CONFLICT

What is encountered as a problem.

STORY ELEMENT: RESOLUTION

How you overcame the problem, which should highlight your characteristic or character element. What this story taught you about yourself is what you want others to know.

THE HERO STORY

- Not every story about yourself needs to demonstrate how you overcame the odds and prevailed.
- However, you (as the character), needs to learn something (resolution or moral).
- Stories involving failure or setback can demonstrate resilience, adaptability, humility, determination, perseverance, and compassion or empathy.

COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED AT INTERVIEWS

Source: Indeed.com (with examples of answers)

- What interests you about this role?
- What motivates you?
- What are your greatest strengths/weaknesses?
- Why should we hire you?
- What type of learner are you?
- What does customer service mean to you?
- How do you define success?
- How do you handle conflict?
- Do you consider yourself to be a leader?
- How do you handle criticism?

WALK STUDENTS THROUGH THE WORKSHEET AND SCENARIO

How do you handle stress?

HAVE STUDENTS COMPLETE VOCABULARY EXERCISES

On Quizlet

GO OVER A SAMPLE OF QUESTIONS (POST-)

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