Story Sound and Motion

Storytelling

From:

INDUCING REALITY The Holy Grail of Storytelling by Ken "frobber" Ramsley
Part 1 SEVEN ELEMENTS OF GOOD STORYTELLING

and

Norma Livo and Sandra Rietz, Storytelling: Process and Practice

and

James Nachtway, Jonathan Harris and JJ Abrams
TED Talks

and

musings of Bob Albers
"Story" is a universal mirror that shows us the truth about ourselves--who and why we are.

Norma Livo and Sandra Rietz, Storytelling: Process and Practice
Narrative Meaning

Denning (www.stevedenning.com/What_story.html)

Stories fill our lives in the way that water fills the lives of fish.
Stories are so all-pervasive that we practically cease to be aware of them.
How we explain ourselves
How we justify ourselves/actions
Entertainment
work
economic engine
Narrative Meaning

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- We create narrative descriptions for ourselves and for others about our own past actions,
- inform our decisions by constructing imaginative "what if" scenarios.
- We are told fairy tales as children, and read and discuss stories in school." (Polkinghorne)
- constantly confronted with stories during our conversations and encounters with the written and visual media.
Story-Selling
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color
lighting
story elements
emotion
characters
conflict
setting
very deliberate choices--why?
Story-Selling
Moving the Economy
Stories take all forms and lengths

Legend has it that Hemingway was once challenged to write a story in only six words.

His response?

“For sale: baby shoes, never worn.”
In 2006, SMITH Magazine began asking readers for their own six-word memoirs.

They sent in short life stories in droves

the bittersweet ("Cursed with cancer, blessed with friends")

poignant ("I still make coffee for two")

inspirational ("Business school? Bah! Pop music? Hurrah")

hilarious ("I like big butts, can’t lie").
Six Word Stories
http://www.smithmag.net/sixwords/

Before Kids, when I was alive.

Still in love with that shitweasel.

Disliking philosophy and TA isn't hot.

Formerly Purchasing, now chase escaped llamas.

Wasn't supposed to survive. Joyfully did.
Cinematic Storytelling

Manipulates emotion

Reveals plot and character

Movies are mostly about “story”

Source of media story conventions
From “300”
Based on Frank Miller's graphic novel
Loosely based on history
480 B.C. Battle of Thermopylae
Spartans (300) vs Persians (170,000)
What makes this work?
Hollywood level production values
sound, image, casting, effects
*the story
plot, characters, conflict, rising tension, climax
and theme/message
300

Symmetry--meaning?

Powerful music

clarity of sound

black and white and color--why?

age progression
Documentary

Fascination with reality

People, places, events, issues .......

**Creative treatment of actuality ..........**Grierson

“In Feature films the director is God.

In Documentary films God is the director” ........Hitchcock
From “Man on Wire”
Man on Wire

High level of production
not Hollywood-esque
but much is re-creation--blurs line between fiction and non-fiction
set up as a “caper” -- “Ocean’s Eleven” the model
music and mix excellent
story is real -- but hard to believe
very interesting character(s)
Universal Mirror

Livo and Rietz (edited)

• Through "story" we can transcend the experience of daily living and know ourselves as more enduring than the little occurrences that mark our individual existences.
• Inside "story" we can accept pain, find justice, and experience exaltation, love, humor.............life.....death............
• Meet amazing characters
Susan Boyle

viral phenomenon

British “Idol”

“rags to riches” story

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lpoIWv8QZY
Susan Boyle
Susan Boyle

Story with:

plot--the unexpected, ordinary woman becomes star

conflict--with ordinary life, with doubters, with Simon

characters--protagonist, antagonist

"never been kissed", homely, golden voice

“If evil”, (Simon) stands in her way

exaltation

transcend everyday experience
Another look at Susan Boyle

Transform the story

parody

Use the same characteristics in different way

touch us differently