#### **BUSINESS STORYTELLING**

# STORY POWER CHEAT SHEET





Complete an Audience Analysis before you begin writing.
What do you want people to do, know, feel and takeaway after your talk?

Determine your Core Message (why people should care)

# O = ORGANIZE YOUR IDEAS

- The key components of any persuasive presentation:
  - Introduction (Hook, Greeting, and Call to Adventure)
  - Body (Steps 1, 2, and 3)
  - Conclusion (Back to the Beginning, Brief Recap, Clincher, Call to Action)

# **W** = WRITE FOR THE EAR NOT THE EYE

- Ensure you write how you speak:
  - Are you or the audience expecting a formal or informal presentation?
  - Do you need to focus on the big picture (the forest) or the details (the trees)?
  - Always include both facts and emotion.

# **E** = **ENGAGE THE AUDIENCE**

- Use audience engagement techniques such as:
  - Storytelling
  - Polls
  - Activities
  - Questions
- Every 10 minutes for an in-person presentation and every 4 minutes for a virtual presentation.

# R = REVISE

- Editing is an iterative process:
  - Macro-editing: Ensure the individual components of your presentation combine to deliver your core message.
  - Micro-editing: Edit the details to ensure you have the precise combination to insure your audience remembers your core message.
- Read your presentation out loud and ask for feedback. Make changes based on this feedback.