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**STORY-TELLING: EYES OPEN**

**WHAT IT IS**

Storytelling with visual aids. Case studies should focus on a protagonist or human effects.

**IDEAL FOR**

Solidifying and reinforcing a complex idea through storytelling. This is similar to #14 Storytelling - Eyes Closed, however, learners see images on the screen.

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**REQUIREMENTS**

**Roles:**

- 1x moderator (storyteller)

**Supplies:**

- Slide show presentation with photos only

Having the story lead by a protagonist also helps to create a level of empathy with learners. By breaking up the flow of a heavier presentation, learners can allow their minds to rest yet still learn.

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INSPIRATION

[1] Video (8:34 min): Seven Keys to Good Storytelling | Josh Campbell | TEDxMemphis


[3] Video (2:42 min): How to Tell Stories

[4] Video (1:38 min): Build a Story with Scenes


CONSIDERATION CHECKLIST

☐ See what aspect of the online session appears very content-heavy and needs some light release.

☐ Find a story or case study that reinforces the purpose of the heavy content.

☐ If the learners only remember one thing from the story, what do you want them to remember? Focus on that one thing when choosing and crafting the story.

☐ Format the story or case study into a story. That means making it more relatable by having it focus on a protagonist.

☐ Use a storyboard to help you visualize the story (this is a tool for the moderator and shouldn’t be presented in the session) [Inspiration: 4, 5]. You can base the visual aids you select for your presentation on these notes.