

## Slide Design

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We all like a good story. And as in any good story, the scenery is a key element.

+ Help to convey a message

+ Personality

+ Helps remember structure

Be the main character

Distracting

Become a teleprompter

# 10 tips for designing rocking slides.

## 1. One page, one point

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In 1973, Gorge Lucas submitted "The Star Wars," to Universal Studios and United Artists.

- Both studios passed, saying the far-flung sci-fi extravaganza was too confusing and the script too long.
- The treatment was eventually picked up by 20th Century Fox head Alan Ladd Jr., who eventually make the movie in 1974.
- But the "final" screenplay Lucas turned in was more than 200 pages long, so Lucas excised the final two acts.

The script was made into Star Wars, and the final two acts would become The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi.

The initial Star Wars script was too long, so they had to do a trilogy.

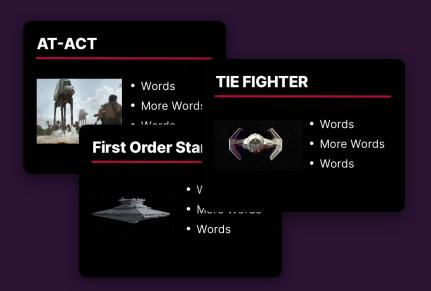
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#### 2. Be consistent

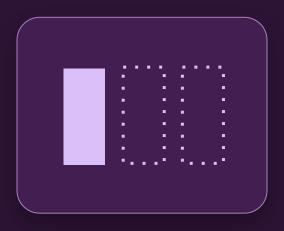
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#### 3. Use the "Rule of three"

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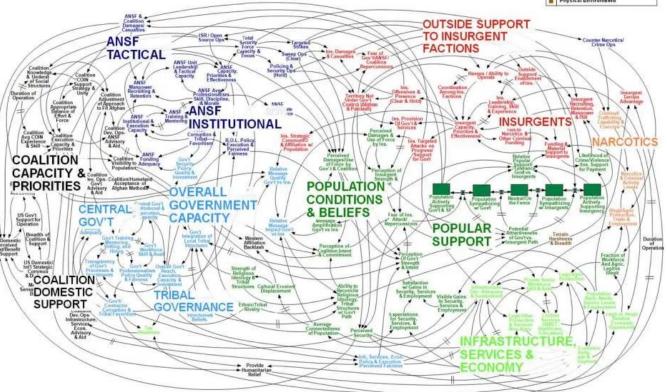
#### Main heroes of Star Wars?



#### 4. Make Text readable

#### Afghanistan Stability / COIN Dynamics









## Go big or go home.

#### 5. Use easy-to-read font

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### 6. Use enough contrast

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Stormtroopers are inspired by the Kaiser's elite loyal soldiers, the Sturmtruppen — handpicked men, specially trained and armed to the teeth.

#### 7. Use not more than 5 colours

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# 8. Use colour to draw attention

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"I find your lack of faith disturbing"

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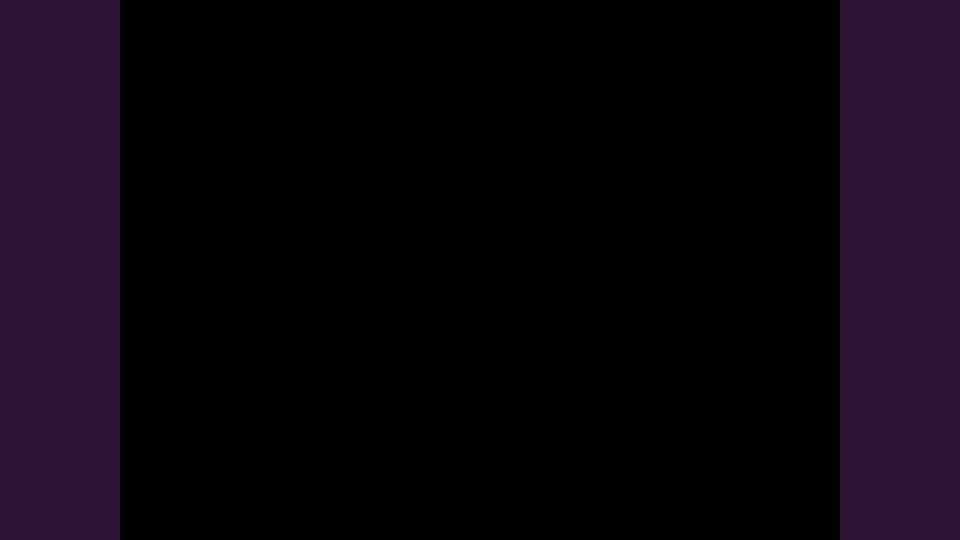
# 9. Use photos to enhance meaning

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The drought caused the evaporation of any water source



#### 10. Go easy on the transitions.



#### Recap

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## **List of Resources**

### Tools to design slides

- 1. Keynote
- 2. Microsoft Powerpoint
- 3. Google Slides (online)  $\rightarrow$  <u>www.google.com/slides</u>
- 4. Canva (online) → www.canva.com
- 5. Designbold (online) → <u>www.designbold.com</u>

#### Free images source

- **1.** Unsplash → <u>www.unsplash.com</u>
- 2. Pexels → www.pexels.com
- 3. Pixabay → <u>www.pixabay.com</u>
- **4.** Creative Commons → <u>www.ccsearch.creativecommons.org</u>

#### **Colour & Fonts tools**

- 1. A11y Colours  $\rightarrow https://clrs.cc/a11y$
- 2. Khorma → <a href="http://khroma.co">http://khroma.co</a>
- 3. Font Pair → <u>www.fontpair.co</u>
- 4. Color Safe → <a href="http://colorsafe.co">http://colorsafe.co</a>

## Books I 💙

1. "Slide:ology: The Art and Science of Creating Great Presentations"

Nancy Duarte → <u>official link</u>

2. "Do you talk funny?" 7 comedy habits to become a better (and funnier) public speaker

David Nihill → <u>Amazon link</u>

## Thank you!



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