Using Stories to Maximize Your Facebook and Instagram Success

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What We'll Cover Today

- What are stories
- Why should you use them
- How to use them
- Best practices
- Tips and tricks

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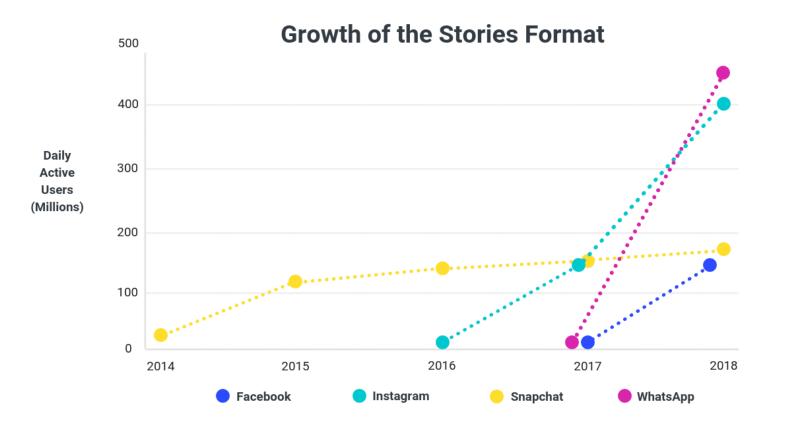
"We expect Stories are on track to overtake posts in feeds as the most common way that people share across all social apps"

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Stories: Size, Growth + Importance







What are Stories?

- Started on SnapChat
- Top of the feed
- Deleted after 24 hours
- In-the-moment content
- Low impact on reputation





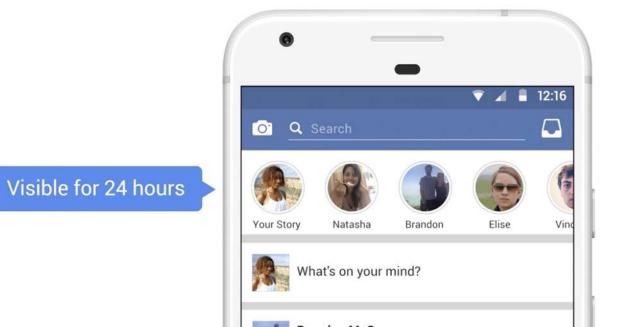
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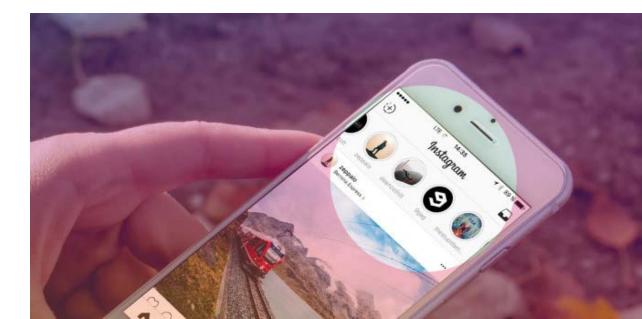


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Where are Stories?





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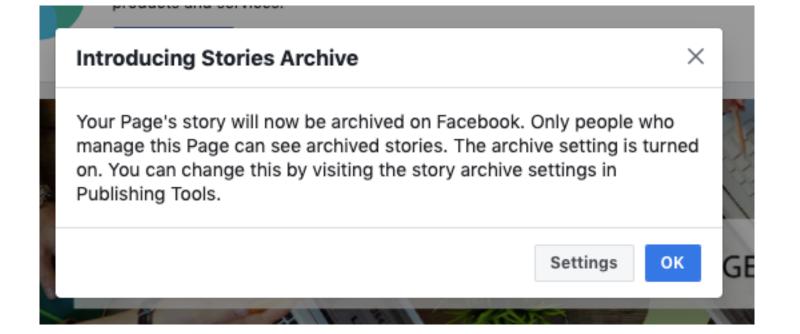
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Stories: Benefits

- Increased brand awareness
- Engagement
- Cost effective
- Drives traffic (for large accounts)
- Drives leads

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 20% of Stories posted by businesses resulted in a direct message



Today 11:30 AM

Hi. Are you interested in joining a live class? You can see our programs at www.bootcampdigital.com/ live - we also have online programs.

Advantages of Stories vs. Posts

- Stories are viewed full screen in order people view Story content longer
- Deeper engagement as it takes the full screen vs. scrolling in the feed
- Add fun features to content text, drawing, stickers and more to drive engagement
- Test content ideas before posting something more permanent



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Mountains, rivers, kayaks and falls. Here's some #RedCupContest adventures (we're loving 'em all)

Send Message

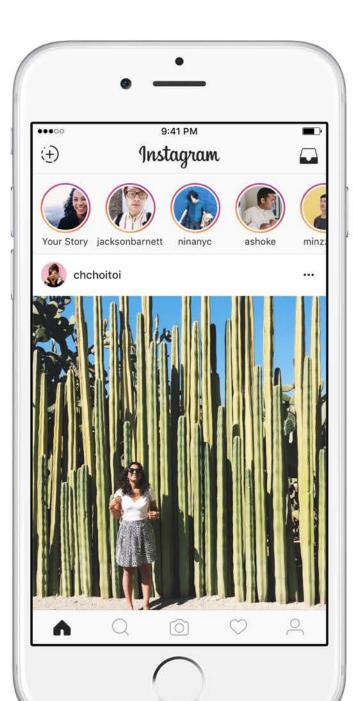


Send Message

Only a few more days to submit your adventure-themed pics! #RedCupContest

Send Message

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Stories: Steps for using Stories

- 1. Strategy Plan
- 2. Post
- 3. Analyze





Posting: 3 Elements of A Story

- 1. Background image
 - Tells a story
 - Interesting
- 2. Short copy
 - Convey message
 - Call to action
- 3. Decoration

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- Engaging
- Branded

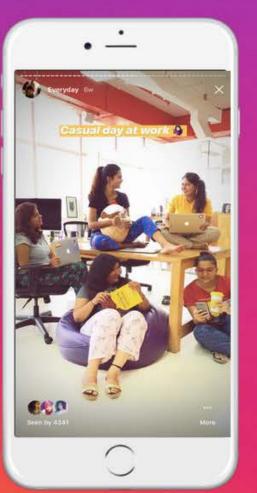




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Posting Length

- Optimal Posting Length: 1-7 "stories" or images/videos
- Up to 7 = 70% completion rate
- Avg. completion rate >50%





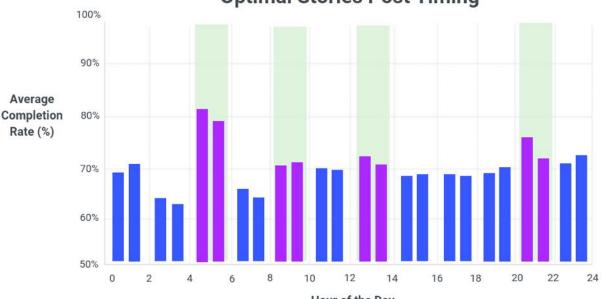
Story Post Timing

- When is your audience online?
- How do they use the platform?

Based on this data, the **best times to post to Instagram Stories** are:

- •4am 6am Eastern Time
- •8am 10am Eastern Time
- •12pm 2pm Eastern Time

•8pm – 10pm Eastern Time



Optimal Stories Post Timing

Hour of the Day



Key Learning

People have more time to watch Stories before and after work and during their lunch break. Try posting during these **prime hours** for an **extra boost**.





Story Post Frequency

• Avg. is 9-14 days per month





Stories Best Practices

- Photo or Video
- Video < 15 sec.
- •24 Hour expiration
- Add to Stories Highlights on Insta (no expiration)
- Vertical format

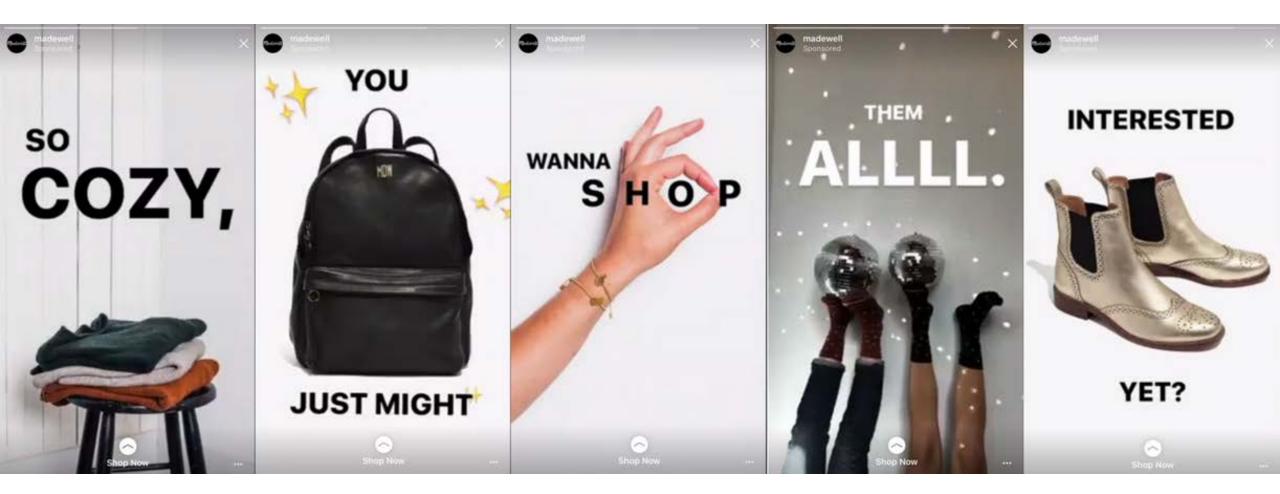








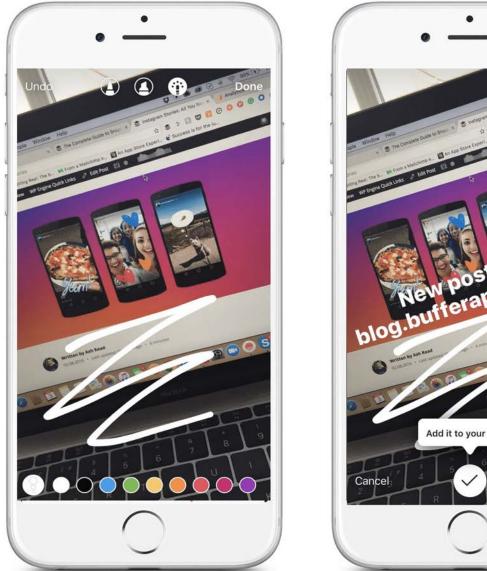




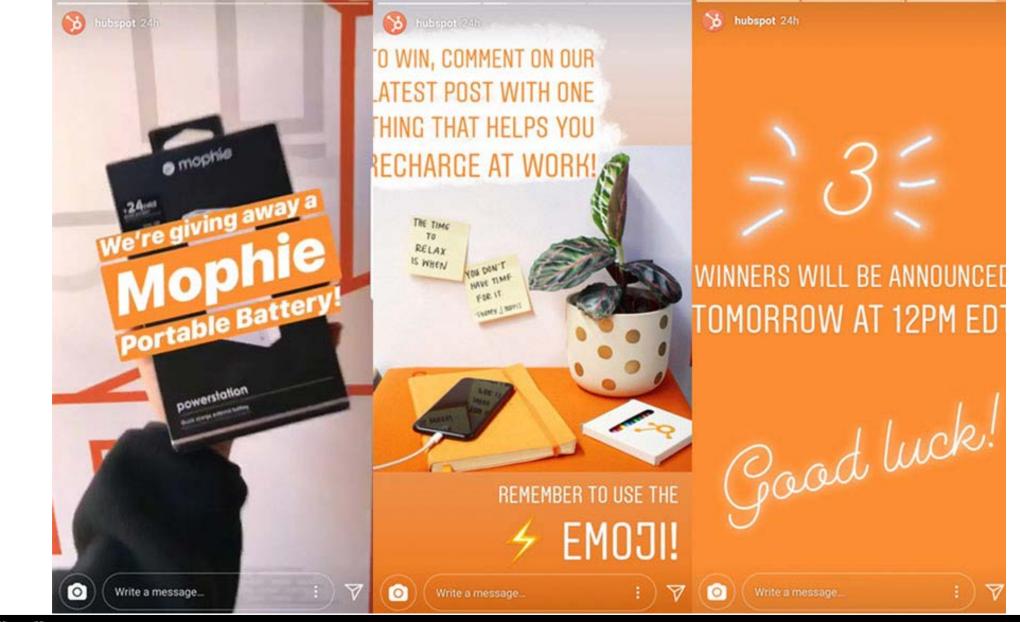




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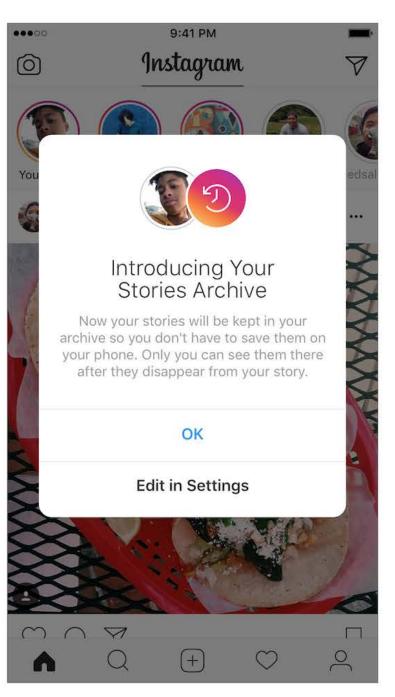


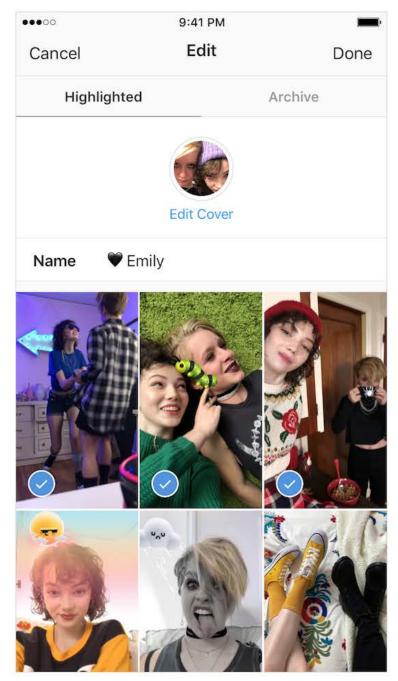






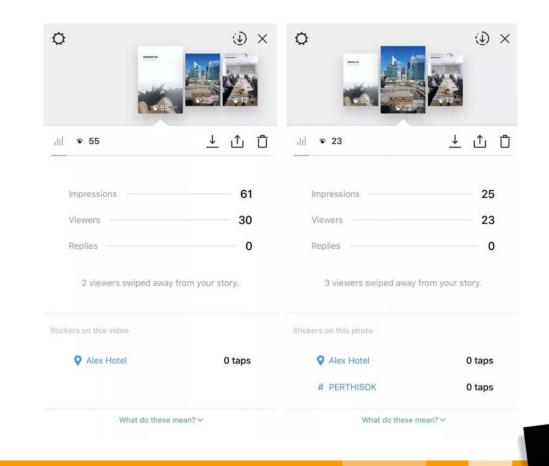






Analyze Results: What You Should Measure

- Engagement
 - Swipe up
 - Replies
- Completion rate
- Reach + Impressions
- Interactions





Stories Insights

Results from Feb 23, 2019 - Mar 23, 2019

Published	Story Items	Status	Unique Story Opens i	Forward Taps	Backward Taps	Forward Swipes	Exits
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Insights are only available for story items added within the last 28 days





How To Get More Stories Views

- Increase frequency
- Tag other accounts
- Use location tag
- Use multiple hashtags
- Use features (video, boomerang, gif etc.) as they will perform better than just a photo





Stories Ads

- Appear between organic Stories
- Flows
 consistently with
 existing format









Integrating Stories With Your Overall Strategy

- Extension of existing content
- Differentiate Story from Post
- Spend less time creating
- Cross-post between platforms





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