Infographics 101

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Introductions

- Name
- Role
- ► Experience with infographics

How do you see yourself using infographics?

- Survey Results
- ► Community/Program/? Profile
- Newsletter
- Repurpose them into slideshows
- Simplifying a complicated concept/Explaining how something works
- Comparisons



What's an infographic?

An infographic is a basically an artistic representation of data and information using different elements (graphs, pictures, diagrams, narrative, timelines, check lists, etc.)

The purpose of an infographic is to translate a topic or idea into a form of visual content. Therefore, before you populate your infographic, step back and ask yourself a few questions:

- ✓ What is the purpose?
- ✓ Who is going to be my audience?
- ✓ What messages do I want to portray to the viewers?

Why an infographic?

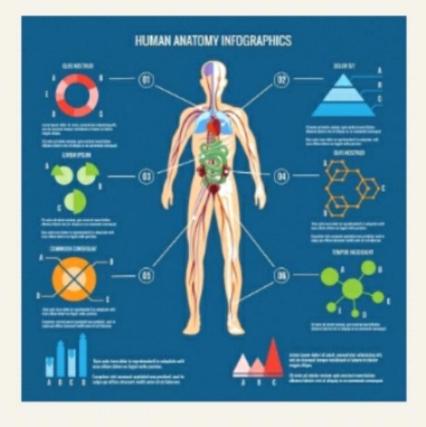
Anatomists take two general approaches to the study of the body's structures; regional and systemic. Regional anatomy is the study of the interventional part of the structures in a specific body region, such as the abdomen. Studying regional anatomy helps us appreciate the interventionalities of body structures, such as how muscles, nerves, blood vessels, and other structures work together to serve a particular body region. In contrast, systemic anatomy is the study of the structures that make up a discrete body system—that is, a group of shuctures that work together to certifiem a unique body function. For example, a systemic anatomized shudy of the muscular system would consider all of the skeletal muscular of the body.

Whereas anatomy is about structure, physiology is about function. Human physiology is the scientific study of the chemistry and physics of the structures of the body and the ways in which they work together to support the functions of life. Much of the study of physiology certainty includes observation, both with the study of steady internal conditions maintained by living things. The study of physiology certainty includes observation, both with the naked eye and with microscopes, as well as manipulations and measurements. However, current advances in physiology usually depend on carefully designed laboratory experiments that reveal the functions of the many structures and chemical compounds that make up the human body.

Like anatomats, physiologists typically specialize in a particular branch of physiology. For example, neurophysiology is the study of the brain, spinal cord, and nerves and how these work together to perform functions as complex and diverse as vision, movement, and threting. Physiologists may work from the organ level (soptioning, for example, what different parts of the brain do) to the molecular level (such as exploring how an electrochemical signal travels along nerves).

Form is closely related to function in all living things. For example, the thin flap of your eyelid can snap down to clear away dust perticles and simper material examples as an example of the enterpolar level, the arrangement and function of the nerves and muscles that serve the eyelid allow for its quick action and retreat. At a smaller level of analysis, the function of these nerves and muscles likewise relies on the interactions of specific molecules and ions. Even the three-dimensional structure of certain molecules is essential to their function.

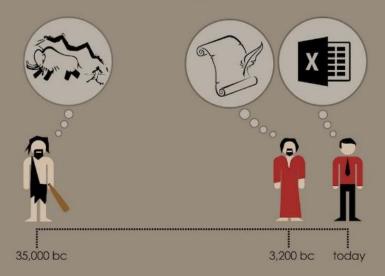




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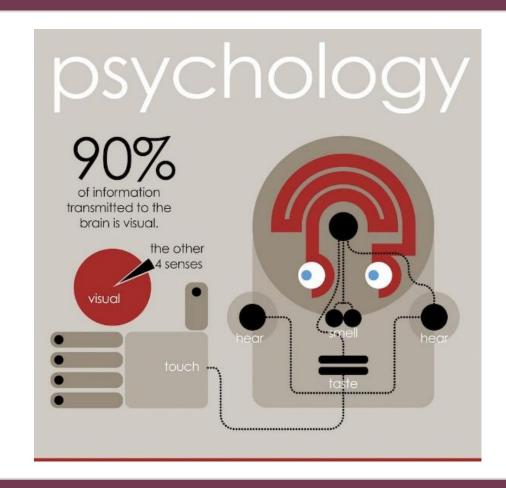
Visual communication dates back to ancient cave paintings from as early as 35,000 BC, whereas written language has only been around since 3,200 BC.

We are genetically wired to respond more positively to images than text.



Potential threats, reproductive opportunities and food sources were all conveyed to our ancient ancestors through visual perception, and it helped them to stay alive.

From an evolutionary perspective, we're more acclimatized to observing prehistoric predators on the Savannah plains than we are sitting in a cubicle looking at an Excel spreadsheet.



Types of Infographics: Which is right for you?

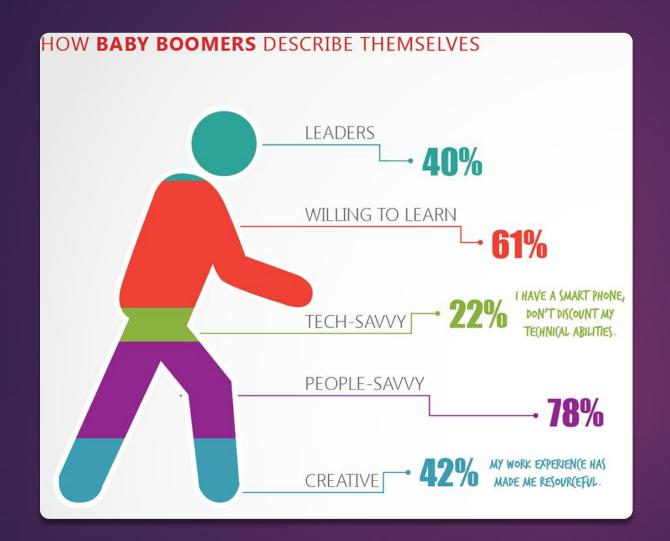
- 1. Visualized Article: Takes an otherwise lengthy piece of writing and makes it visual. This makes it easier to understand, helping it to get shared.
- 2. Flowchart: Can answer a specific question by giving choices to the reader so they reach the right answer for them.
- **3. Timeline:** Made up of chronological dates that are visualized to make the graphic interesting and shareable.
- **4. Useful Bait:** Explains something or answers a question by visually showing how to do it/how it's done.

Types of Infographics (Cont.)

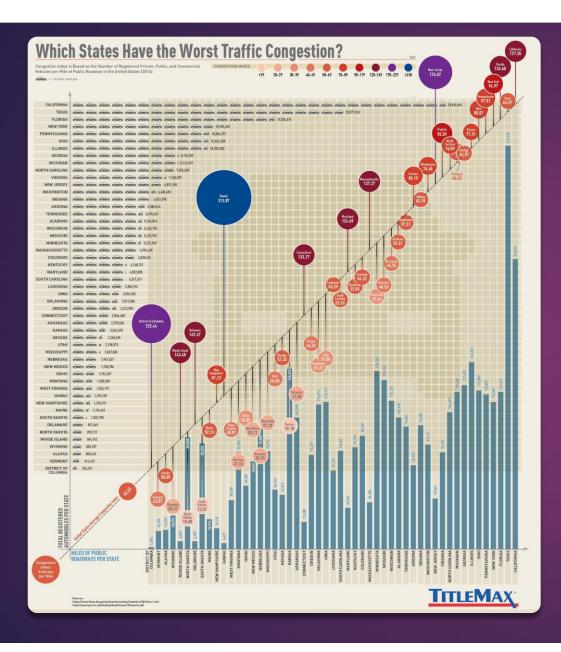
- **5. Versus Infographic:** Compares two things and places them in a head-to-head comparison so we can visually see their differences.
- **6. Number Crunch:** Describes an infographic which oozes impressive numbers and is filled with data and statistics to visualize.
- 7. Photo Infographic: Uses photos to visualize the content to tell the story.
- **8. Data Vis:** Turns information into something visually creative and appealing, making them unique and interesting.

Source: https://piktochart.com/blog/8-types-of-infographics-which-right-for-you/





What's wrong with this infographic?



How about this one?



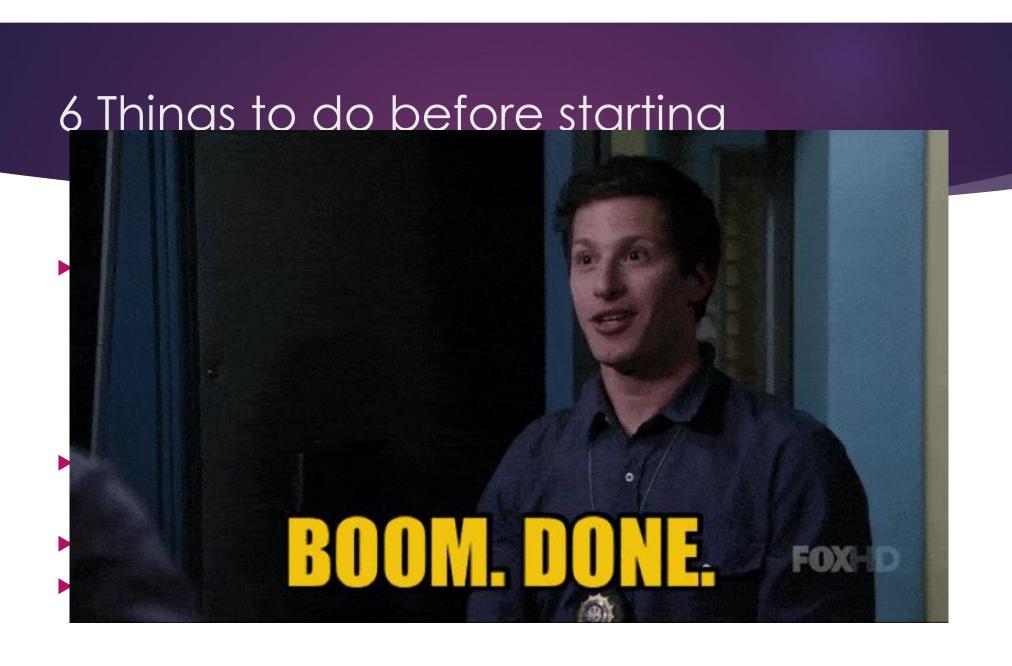


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Building an infographic

- Piktochart.com
- Review buttons and functions on piktochart
- Exporting features
- Printing considerations

Tools

- Creating Infographics:
 - Infogram
 - ► Easel.ly
 - Piktochart
 - Venngage
 - Snappa
 - Canva
 - Visme

- Visualizations:
 - Wordle (Word clouds)
 - Creately (Diagrams)
 - Kartograph (Maps)
 - Animaker (Vids)

- Inspiration:
 - Google
 - Pinterest
 - ► Templates

- lcons:
 - ▶ Noun Project
 - Mind the Graph
 - Freepik
 - ► Iconfinder
 - Graphicburger

Resources

- ► Infographics to help with your infographics
 - ▶ 5 Rules for infographic success
 - ▶ Golden rules of data visualization
 - ► Infographic layout cheat sheet



Questions