Understanding Media conventions

Billboards

Design and purpose

What billboards have you seen recently?

- On a piece of paper answer the following questions:
- 1. How many people saw the same ones?
- 2. Were they all different?
- 3. If most are the same, why? OR if most of them are different, why?

What are billboards used for?

- Think, Pair, Share
- Individually think of words that you associate with billboards
- Pair up and share your ideas with a partner
- In a group create a brainstorm with the word billboards in the middle
- Share your ideas with the class in a presentation format

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Understanding Billboards

• What is the purpose of a billboard?

Think, pair, share

Each group of 4 will share their understanding

Understanding Billboards

• The purpose of a billboard is to sell items but it must be in a condensed format so that it can quickly be interpreted.

How do billboards relate to PowerPoint slides?

- 1. They need to be brief and catch the eye of the viewer.
- 2. The viewer needs to experience novel changes in order to keep their attention long enough
 - Novel = new and exciting experiences
 - Also slide content should be limited
 - The more words the less attention is paid
 - BUT when PowerPoint is used to present content entertainment is not the goal.

Article and Questions

Please read through the provided article and complete the questions

- 8 Important features of billboards 1. Make it Visual
 - 2. One slide, one point
 - 3. Make it big

 - 5. Don't be afraid if images fall off the page 4. Contrast Rules
 - 6. Rule of thirds
 - 7. Empty space
 - 8. Have a visual theme

What are the steps required to create a billboard

- 1. Deciding what the billboard will be about
- 2. Creating a sketch of the billboard and getting votes and opinions on a variety of different formats
- 3. Creating fully actualized (produced) billboards
 - At this point there may be 3 of the original 10 sketches
- 4. From the ones created 1 will be chosen
- 5. This will be the final version

Billboard messages

- Tend to be brief, but also they try to indicate some type of story
- Let's look at a bill board on the next slide and see what story it is implying.



What story does this billboard imply? Explain.

Billboard assignment

- On a piece of paper create a billboard
- Please ensure that you are remembering the rules of billboards from slide 13
- In the billboard create a product you wish to sell
- The topic needs to be appropriate for class
- You have until the end of the block to complete it and hand it in
- Example on next slide, you cannot use my example



References

- http://www.presentationzen.com/presentationzen/2008/o8/learning-from-the-design-around-you-ikea.html (Article to read)
- http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson1167/SlideDesignQuestions.pdf (Questions from notes and Article)

PLOs and LOs

- Digital and Non-digital Media
- Media Conventions
- Media Production skills
- Moral Ethical and legal considerations and regulatory issues