

Yale Office of Career Strategy

Telling Your Interviewing/Networking Story

Part I – Opening: I’m a [x year] at Yale studying [major/research topic] with a particular interest in [X industry]

Part II – Motivational Story: Tell a *short story* about *why* you first became interested in this area of work. Begin with a phrase like, “I first became interested in this industry when...” Remember that a story includes a protagonist who faces a challenge/new situation and makes a choice that results in an outcome.

Part III – Relevant Academic Work: *What* classes, academic projects, or research did you do while at Yale that helped you build your knowledge and skills for this industry?

Part IV – Supporting Experiences: What two *supporting experiences* have helped you further develop your skills that would be useful for this job? Consider items such as internships, research experiences, past employment, and leadership positions (on and off campus).

Part V – Closing: Taken together, write one sentence that conveys how your story, academic background, and supporting experiences would make you a *good fit for a job* with a particular company OR something about that company that is particularly *exciting to you* along with a *series of questions* that you might ask an employer.