



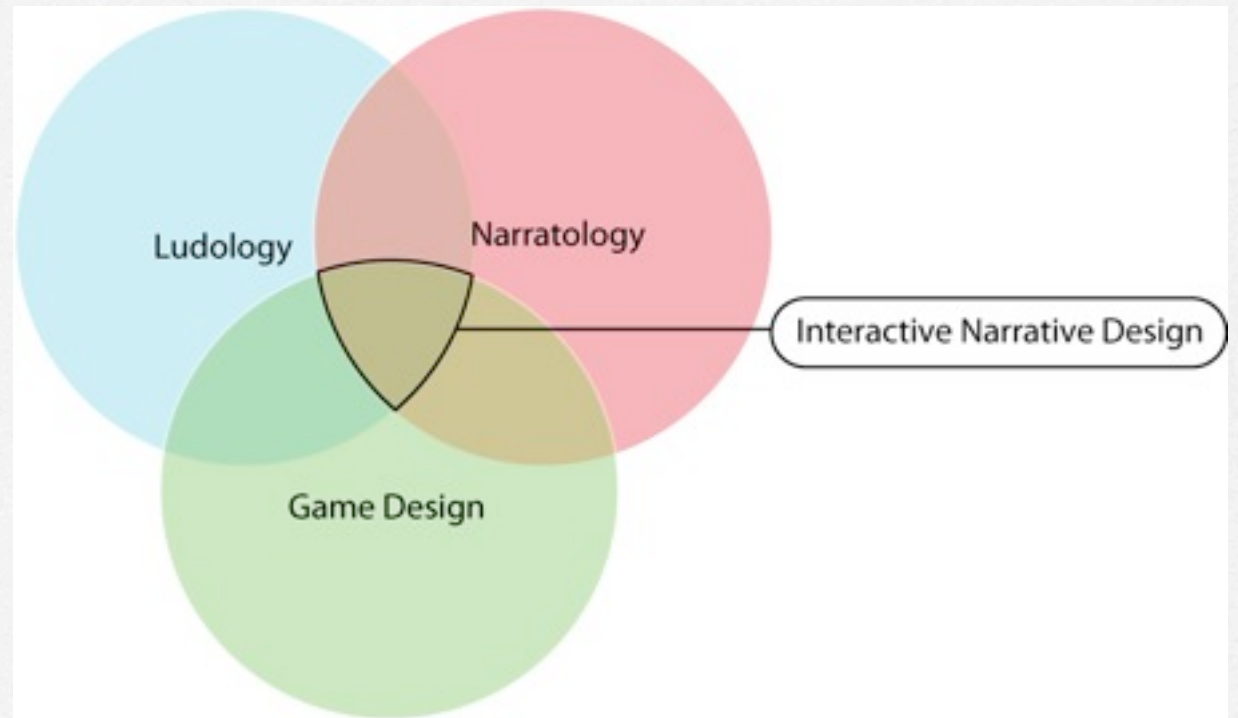
The Journey of Narrative

The story of Myst across two mediums

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Stories across Mediums

- ☐ Connected
- ☐ Continued
- ☐ Collected

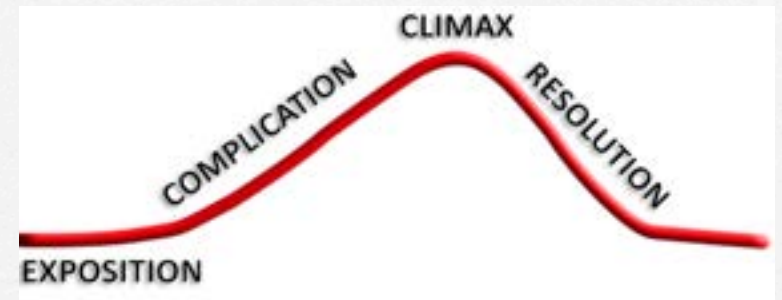


Myst

- Games
 - Myst, Riven
- Novels
 - Atrus, Tí'ana, D'ni



Gennette



- 3 classes of determination
 - tense, mood, voice
- 3 aspects of narrative
 - story, narrating, narrative

3 classes

- tense

 - temporalities between narrative & story

- mood

 - modalities of narrative representation

- voice

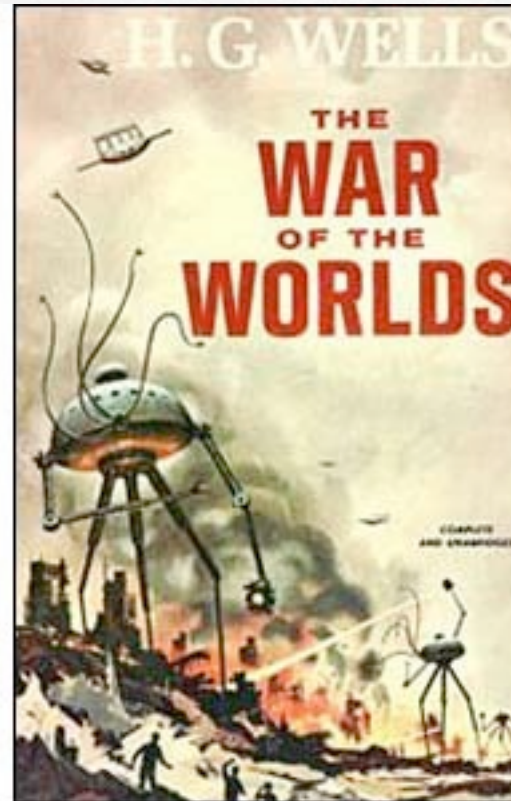
 - narrating implications

3 aspects

- story
 - the signified content
- narrative
 - the discursive signifier
- narrating
 - the production of the action

War of the Worlds

- Novel
 - H.G. Wells
- Radio Broadcast
 - Orsen Welles



Myst



- "The first interactive artifact to suggest that a new art form may well be plausible, a kind of puzzle box inside a novel inside a painting -- only with music. Or something"

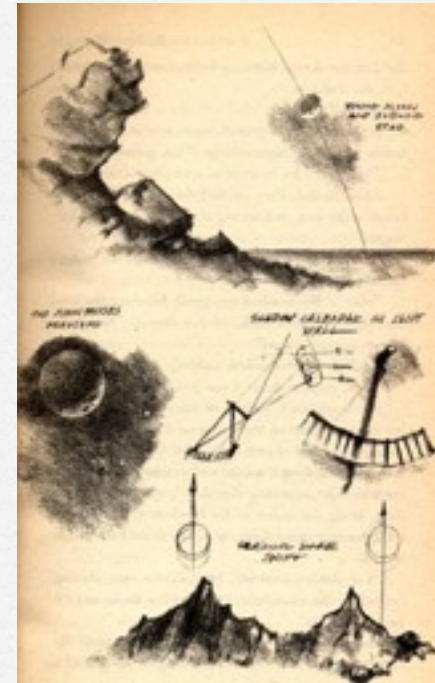
Myst - the game

- Metaphor
- Mystery
- Past and Present
- Uncover Story



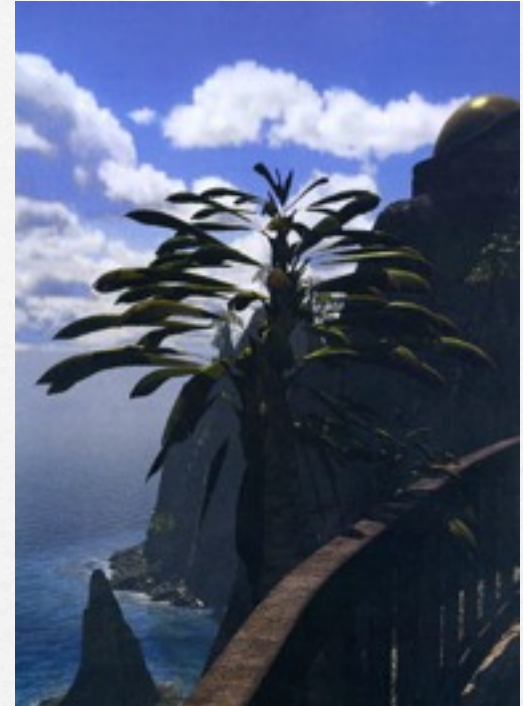
Myst - the novels

- Prequels to the game
- Backstory
- Worldbuilding



Riven

- Mystery again
- Present characters and past
- Puzzling through story



War of the Worlds



□ Book

□ an imaginative representation of an alien invasion

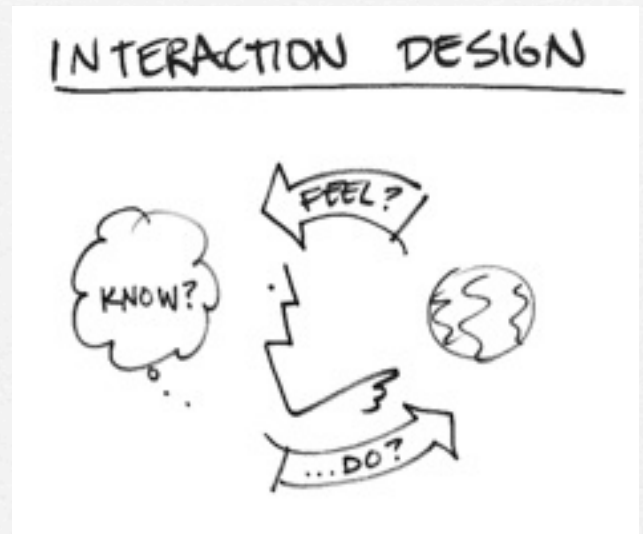
War of the Worlds

- Radio Broadcast
 - updated to present day
 - Public panic ensued



Looking at Both

- Myst
- War of the Worlds
- Narrative through the Novels
- Newer medium to expand story
- Actively engage Audience



New Narratives

- Makes manifest a post-structural theory of reading in which the reader is just as active a creator in the meaning of the text as the author.



New Narratives

- Problems
- Promises
- Performances



New Storytelling

- Director, Writer, Painter, Choreographer, Curator, Artist, Programmer, Designer
- Co-Author, Reader, Guest, User, Theater Goer, Movie Goer, Museum Visitor, Player

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Narrative Journey

- New "Writing" and "Reading"
- Across mediums
- Interactive
- Engaging



Thanks!

□ Questions?

