How to Tell Stories

1. Know the story, get familiar with it, but don’t learn it by route only
   A. When, where, who, what, why, and how (or some of these)
   B. Problems or Crises
   C. Emotions/feelings
   D. Solution/Result/Ending

2. Tell the story instead of reciting it
   A. Use expressions/feelings/emotions
   B. Change your voice (e.g., loudly, with high pitch, etc.)
   C. Use pauses, silence and other side techniques
   D. Use character voices when necessary
   E. Look at your listeners
   F. Use gestures and body movements to help listeners see pictures in their minds
   G. Avoid nervous or unfamiliar movements
   H. Use visual aids when necessary
   I. Have the audience interact with you if necessary
   J. Add jokes if appropriate