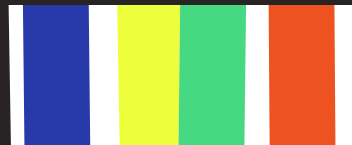
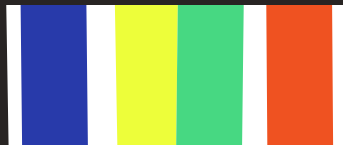
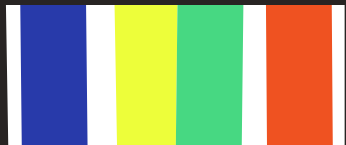


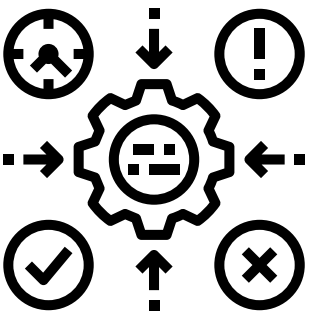
## Prepare to Interview Like a

# STAR

Successful interviews require more preparation than you might think. Add the STAR method to your interview tool box and practice writing out your answers. 2-3 sentences for each section is a good goal.



## SITUATION YOU FACED



In any storytelling situation, you should start by building background knowledge for your audience. Context is everything! Think about answering interview questions like writing short stories; the situation is the exposition of your story, the setup.

## TASKS YOU PLANNED



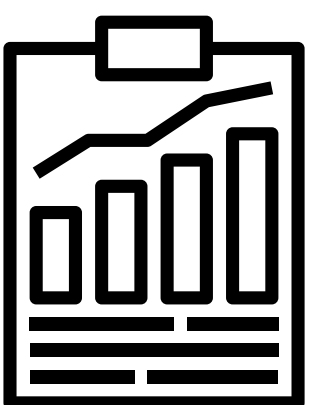
Continuing with the short story metaphor, this is where you zoom out to reveal the entire plot line of your story. How did you plan to change or improve the situation before you actually dove in and took action? What problems needed to be addressed or solved?

## ACTIONS YOU TOOK



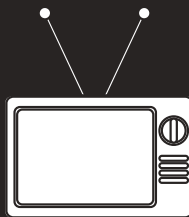
As the protagonist of your story, what did YOU actually do to improve your situation? What problems did you solve and how did you do it? Think of this as the rising action, climax, and falling action of your short story.

## RESULT OF YOUR ACTIONS



You made it to the resolution of your story. This is the big finale, so make it good, make it worth your audience's time! What was the outcome of all your planning and hard work? How did you improve the situation for yourself or others?

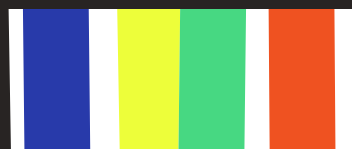
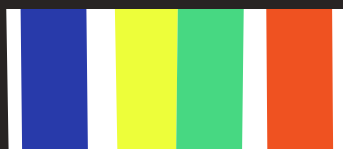
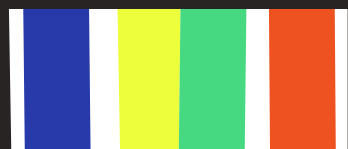




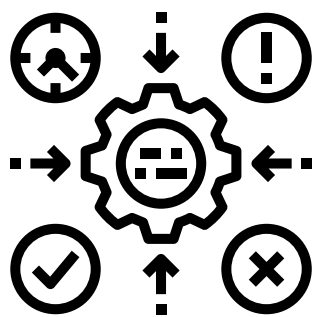
Check Out My

# EXAMPLE

So, what motivated you to get into the field of data science?



## SITUATION YOU FACED



I was a public school teacher for almost twenty years. Schools are swimming in data but almost no one on school campuses is trained to use, explain, or interpret data. It bothered me that I didn't have the training to verify that what I was told by administrators was accurate or responsible.

## TASKS YOU PLANNED



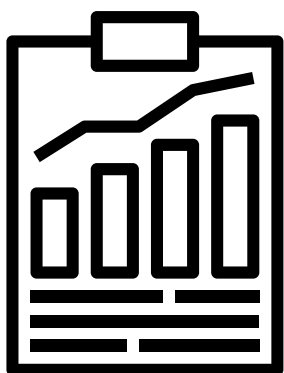
I decided to look in to graduate programs, so I could fill in the blanks I had from compiling years of anecdotal experience without enough theoretical knowledge to understand all of the 'Whys' and 'Hows' of education best practices. I also knew I wanted to really focus on improving my data literacy. I was desperate for growth opportunities.

## ACTIONS YOU TOOK



I got my Masters of Education specializing in Talent Development. This amazing program at Texas State helped me develop a growth mindset, which in turn gave me the courage to become a student in Codeup's Data Science program, something I never would have dreamt possible before.

## RESULT OF YOUR ACTIONS



Now, I'm a Junior Data Science Instructor for Codeup. My passion for data science for social good coupled with my background in education developed into a new career in which I plan to be a part of spreading data literacy to promote societal equity starting in my own community.

