# Visual platforms at Missouri State

**ALLOW YOUR AUDIENCE TO DREAM** 

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### Overview

- Why social media favors visual content
- Instagram
- YouTube
- Aggregators
- Snapchat



## A picture > 1,000 words

- Mobile use led to visual content
- We consume information via pictures
- Visual content captures our attention more quickly than text













#### SEE THE WORLD THROUGH ROSE-COLORED FILTERS

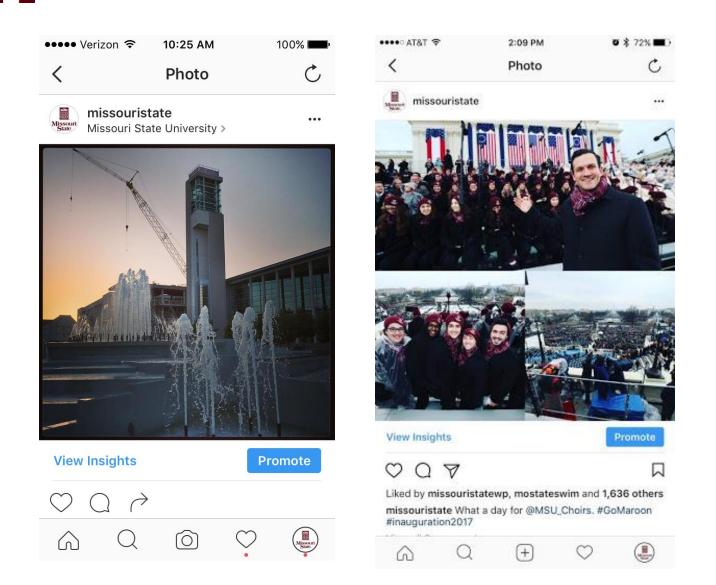
- 500 million+ monthly active users
- 95 million photos and videos shared each day
  - 810+ per second
  - Videos up to 60 seconds
- More than half of all Instagram posts have one hashtag, and a fifth have more than six



#### WHY USE IT?

- Great medium for visually telling a story
- Functions as feeder to other social networks
  - Facebook owns Instagram
- Popular with younger demographic
- More than half of all Twitter users also have it







#### **CHALLENGES**

- Mobile-dependent
- Links don't work
- No desktop publishing method
- Focus is singular
- Not easy to share others' posts w/o app such as Regram



#### **NEW AND TRENDING**

- Multiple photos
- Instagram for business allows analytics
- Layout app
- Switch accounts
- Not limited to square crop







#### BY THE NUMBERS

- Second-most visited Internet website
- Second largest Internet search engine
  - More than 3 billion searches a month
  - 100 hours of video uploaded a minute
- Reaches more 18-49-year-olds than any cable network in the United States



### YouTube

#### BY THE NUMBERS

- More than 6 billion hours of video watched per month
  - More than 684,000 years
- Mobile stats
  - More than half of all views
  - Average viewing session: 40 minutes



### YouTube

#### **BENEFITS**

- Tells an engaging story
- Integrates with other platforms
- Mobile-friendly
- Appeals to younger demographic





#### **CHALLENGES**

- Tempts you with ways to violate copyright rules
- Need some video equipment and editing knowledge
- No formula for making a video go viral



### YouTube

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

- Keep it short (2 minutes or less)
- Hook your viewer within 5 seconds
- Think content (not advertising) first
- Include a call to action
- Add a strong title and description

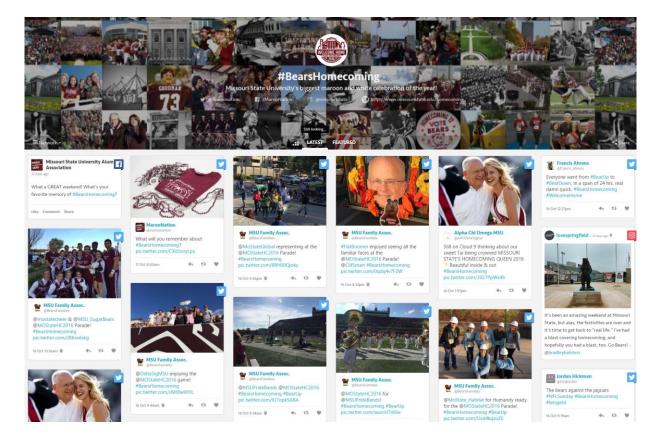


#### A FANCY WORD FOR PUTTING VISUAL POSTS IN ONE PLACE

- Combine cross-platform posts around a theme or hashtag
- You can:
  - Archive conversation
  - Connect people across platforms
  - Tell a story about an event
  - Become a destination for coverage



#### **TAGBOARD**





#### **STORIFY**





The 2015-16 school year as told by Missouri State Twitter



#### **BEST PRACTICES**

- Use a unique hashtag and promote it
- Prioritize audience posts over your own
- Provide key details
- Customize the layout with strong photography, links and more



## Snapchat

- 54% log in every day
- 10 billions videos per day
- Top among ages 12-24
- Geofilters seen by 40-60% of audience
- Stories 24 hours





## Thank you!

• Questions?

