



Class Title: ORANGE Ted Talks

Teacher Name: Samantha Procopio

Class Day: Friday

Class Size: 15

Class Cost: \$7

Ages or color group served: Orange

What level is this class: Level 3

Prerequisites: N/A

Graduation Requirements: They must present and record their final Ted Talk.

Homework Requirements: Students will be responsible for finishing anything not completed in class.

Class Description:

Students will work together to discover, research, explore and present their ideas in the form of short, TED-style talks.

Week 1:

EXPLORATION 1 TELL US WHO YOU ARE:

This Exploration is all about getting to know each other and identifying and articulating the

ideas that motivate and inspire one another.

Week 2:

EXPLORATION 2 DISCOVER GREAT IDEAS:

What makes a great idea? Is it the solution to a problem? Is it the way the community reacts? Is it the passion we feel from the speaker? In this Exploration, students will discuss,



consider and define the important qualities of an “idea worth spreading”.

Week 3:

EXPLORATION 3 LEARN THE ART OF FEEDBACK:

Feedback is an integral part of the process, and learning how to give and receive feedback

effectively is an invaluable skill in life. This Exploration provides a feedback framework your

group can be used throughout the following Explorations.

Week 4:

EXPLORATION 4 IDENTIFY YOUR IDEAS:

In this Exploration, students will explore their possible topics more deeply and practice giving and receiving feedback.

Week 5:

EXPLORATION 5 BUILD YOUR THROUGHLINE:

A throughline is the main connecting theme or anchoring idea in a story. Every Talk should have a throughline that is clearly identifiable throughout. This Exploration will help establish that anchor.

Week 6:

EXPLORATION 6 PLAN YOUR TALK ARC:

During this Exploration, we take time to identify the key elements of a great story and map out the path from beginning to middle to end.

Week 7:

EXPLORATION 7 RESEARCH AND SUPPORT YOUR IDEA:

The purpose of this Exploration is to give students dedicated time to outline their idea in greater detail. In this Exploration, students will think about what they have learned about story arc, and will decide how to support their idea with evidence.



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Week 8:

EXPLORATION 8 WRITE YOUR SCRIPT:

In this Exploration, students will bring together a draft of their throughline, storyboard, and research and will have time to develop their script.

Week 9:

EXPLORATION 9 MAKE IT VISUAL:

Visuals can help you tell your story more powerfully and effectively. In this Exploration, students will learn how to identify when and how to use visuals and how to create truly powerful visuals.

Week 10:

EXPLORATION 10 SAY YOUR TALK OUT LOUD:

In this Exploration, students will rehearse their Talk, receive and incorporate feedback and then rehearse some more! Students will practice building a connection with the audience.

Week 11:

EXPLORATION 11 PRACTICE, EDIT, PRACTICE:

In this Exploration, students will use the dress rehearsal framework to help work out last-minute kinks in their scripts and performances.

Week 12:

EXPLORATION 12 PRESENT & RECORD YOUR FINAL REHEARSAL

Speakers will use their visuals, public speaking skills and research to present their idea worth spreading. This is the big day for your group!