

Liberal Arts Summer Challenge

Let's Explore Some TED Talks

Background:

As Liberal Artists, we believe in challenging ourselves. We are preparing to live in a global community. We value the traditional liberal arts ideals of art, logic, ethics, grammar, and rhetoric. This is an academic way of saying that we believe in “stepping-up-our-game” by showing the world that we are ethical problem-solvers and analytical-thinkers. We celebrate the performing and fine arts, community involvement, and appreciate other cultures and other times. In this spirit, we invite you to participate in a TED talk journey this summer. The TED organization is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). In listening to these talks, we explore the concepts of enriching and human life from a variety of voices. These talks embrace academic ideas and will foster great conversations. You will be accountable for your talks in Flight Time next year. We hope you are fascinated by this assignment and truly enjoy investigating the great ideas TED brings to the educational conversation.

Assignment:

Listen to three TED talks and complete a TED data sheet in its entirety for each talk. Each data sheet will be a 30 point Flight Time grade for a total of 90 points due the first week of fall semester. This assignment contains a list of approved TED talks. You may pick ALL THREE from the approved list, or you may listen to TWO from the approved list and ONE of your own choice.

Parent Permission Note:

The TED talks on the list have been reviewed as appropriate for a high school audience; with that said, we would like your parents to sign each of your Data Sheets. This signature serves a few purposes: 1) The signature serves as parent permission approving each talk. 2) The signature lets your parents know that you have summer work and that you are being a “good kid” and doing your summer work. 3) At its purest and finest form, the signature lets you and your family explore the world of TED talks together. They are great conversation starters.

Access Note:

TED talks will be viewed on-line. You can get to them with almost any device (computer, tablet, or phone). Please note, the Knox County Public Library has free Internet access. Also, Mrs. Reynolds will be on campus throughout the summer and invites any family needing Internet access to contact her at the school and she will make arrangements to open our computer labs as needed for students to work on this assignment.

Approved Options:

- **The Danger of a Single Story | Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?language=en
- **The Key to Success? Grit | Angela Lee Duckworth**
https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_the_key_to_success_grit?language=en
- **How do you define yourself? | Lizzie Velasquez**
<http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/How-do-you-define-yourself-Lizz>
- **Technology and Social Revolution | Steve Wozniak**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKXjipZqZwU>
- **Start With Why -- How Great Leaders Inspire Action | Simon Sinek**
https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action?language=en
- **Every Kid Needs A Champion | Rita Pierson**
https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en
- **What Standardized Tests Don't Measure | Nikki Adeli**
<http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/What-standardized-tests-don-t-m>
- **My Daughter, Malala | Ziauddin Yousafzai**
http://www.ted.com/talks/ziauddin_yousafzai_my_daughter_malala
- **Life is Your Talents | Sir Ken Robinson**
<http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/Life-is-Your-Talents-Discovered>
- **I'm Seventeen | Kate Simonds**
<http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/I-m-Seventeen-|-Kate-Simonds-|;TEDxBoise>
- **Hi, I'm Scott. | Scott Mescudi**
Video Tedx Talks Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEaFHPvuE6Y>
Background on Ted.com: <https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/12015>
- **Be an artist, right now! | Young-ha Kim**
http://www.ted.com/talks/young_ha_kim_be_an_artist_right_now
- **The Virtual Human Right | Jack Andraka**
Video Tedx Houses of Parliament: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thn3pJ2a09s>
- **Your Body Language Shapes Who You Are | Amy Cuddy**
https://www.ted.com/talks/amy_cuddy_your_body_language_shapes_who_you_are
- **The Transformative Power of Classical Music | Benjamin Zander**
https://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_zander_on_music_and_passion?language=en

Liberal Arts: Ted Talks Summer Assignment

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TED Data Sheet: Do not cut/paste from a website, which is a form of plagiarism.

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| Date of Talk: | |
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