



Activity: TED Talk

Materials: Access to YouTube, paper, writing utensils

Grade Range: 6-8

Time: 20 minutes

** Consider using the hand raise/thumbs up feature of your virtual platform to assist with determining who will answer **

Synopsis: In this activity, students will watch a TED talk that will aim to engage, inspire, and connect with the students. Students will also answer questions related to the video. This activity actively encourages the sharing of thoughts, opinions, and ideas.

Instructions:

1. Prior to everyone watching the talk, pose the following question: "Do you think kids are too young to be inspiring?" Give students about 5 minutes or so to discuss.
2. Let the students know that they will be watching a video and that, while watching, you would like them to take a few notes on what speaks to them, what questions they have, what they like, what they don't like...
3. Have the team lead share his/her screen and present the following short video (view [here](#)).
4. After the video, ask the students a few questions to continue discussion.
 - Discuss any notes that students wrote down during the video.
 - Was the speaker humorous, inspiring, intellectual, confusing, or persuasive?
 - Share two facts you learned about the video.

Pen Pal Prompt: What would you like to do to inspire the world and why?