

# TED Talks: Note Taking & Processing Guide

**Directions:** As you watch a TED Talk use this guide before, during and after to support your thorough understanding of what you watch. Writing, listening and thinking is the goal!

## BEFORE THE TALK:

**TITLE:**

**DATE/LOCATION OF TALK:**

**SPEAKER:**

**VOCATION:**

**CREDIBILITY (WHY LISTEN?):** List three facts from the speaker's Biography Page (found at [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)). Example: where they went to school, what makes them a credible source, current job.

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**CITATION (MLA):** Author. "Talk Title." Ted Conference. Location. Day Month Year. Lecture.

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**WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW?** Before you watch the TED talk, write down three things that you already know about this TED title/subject.

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**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?** Before you watch the TED talk, write down three things that you want to know about this TED title/subject.

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## DURING THE TALK:

As you watch the TED Talk today, take notes on information you think is important and interesting. You may want to use symbols and abbreviations to keep up with the speaker and what he/she is saying. (Before you start, set a goal for how many new ideas you would like to gather during the talk.)

**AFTER THE TALK:**

**SUMMARY:**

What is the speaker's main claim/argument/point?

How does he/she develop this point—what visuals, rhetorical devices, etc?

What tone does he/she use to help capture and hold the attention of the intended audience?

**RESPONSE:**

What new ideas did you learn about this topic?

What did the talk help you to understand and/or consider?

How might the perspective of the speaker help you to better understand our current unit of study?