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Website for Video Links and Articles

Links for all of the videos and PDF copies of all of the articles used for this course can be found at this website.

<http://www.pellt.org/c2>

1 Topic: Creativity & Learning

Video 1: Bring on the learning revolution! Ken Robinson (17:50)

https://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinson_bring_on_the_revolution

Video 2: Ramsey Musallam: 3 rules to spark learning (6:30)

https://www.ted.com/talks/ramsey_musallam_3_rules_to_spark_learning

Discussion questions

- *2 What do you think motivates students to learn?
- *3 What do you think are your talents?
- *4 What do you think about the pressure for everyone to go to college in Japan?
- 5 What do you think about his statement that we need a “revolution” in education?
- 6 How would you change the educational system in your native country to improve it?
- 7 What do you think about Ramsey's 3 rules?

2 Topic: Leadership

Video 1: Simon Sinek: How great leaders inspire action (18:05)

https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action?language=en

Video 2: Derek Sivers: How to Start a Movement (3:10)

https://www.ted.com/talks/derek_sivers_how_to_start_a_movement

Discussion questions

- *2 Who do you think is a great leader in the history of your country? Why?
- *3 What kind of experiences have you had with being a leader or follower? Explain.
- *4 Give an example of a movement in your native country. How did it start?
- 5 What skills do you think a good leader needs?
- 6 How would you describe a bad leader? Give an example of a bad leader.
- 7 What company in your country do you think is innovative and why do you think so?

3 Topic: Economic Status

Video 1: Richard Wilkinson: How economic inequality harms societies (16:55)

https://www.ted.com/talks/richard_wilkinson?language=en

Video 2: Hans Rosling: The magic washing machine (9:16)

https://www.ted.com/talks/hans_rosling_and_the_magic_washing_machine

Discussion questions

- *2 Do you think there is social mobility in your country?
- *3 What do you think about the economic gap between developing and developed countries?
- *4 What do you think about the economic gap between rich and poor people in your country?
What kind of assistance do poor people receive in your country?
- 5 What do you think should be done to make your country a better place to live in?
- 6 How would you describe a middle-class person in your native country? Do you think everyone in the world can live at that level?
- 7 How is success defined in your country?

4 Topic: Impact of Plastic on the Environment

Video 1: Capt. Charles Moore on the seas of plastic (7:20)

https://www.ted.com/talks/capt_charles_moore_on_the_seas_of_plastic

Video 2: Our campaign to ban plastic bags in Bali: Melati and Isabel Wijisen (11:00)

https://www.ted.com/talks/melati_and_isabel_wijisen_our_campaign_to_ban_plastic_bags_in_bali

Discussion questions

- *2 What do you think about our mass production and mass consumption society?
- *3 What do you think about the recycling system in Sendai? Do you follow the rules?
- *4 What actions do you think the government or industry should take to protect the environment?
- 5 What are the good/bad points of plastic shopping bags?
- 6 What actions do you take to protect the environment? Do you think your country works hard to protect the environment?
- 7 How can people's consumption habits be changed?

5 Topic: Use of Technology as a Platform for Learning

Video 1: Salman Khan: Let's use video to reinvent education (20:27)

https://www.ted.com/talks/salman_khan_let_s_use_video_to_reinvent_education

Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Video 2: Peter Norvig: The 100,000-student classroom (6:12)

https://www.ted.com/talks/peter_norvig_the_100_000_student_classroom

Discussion questions

- *2 Describe a good teacher that you have had. What made that teacher good?
- *3 Watch at least one video on the Khan Academy website. What do you think of the video and website?
- *4 What do you think of one-size-fits-all lectures? What do you think of self-paced learning?
- 5 What do you think motivates learning?
- 6 What are some good / bad experiences you have had learning?
- 7 What do you think about the idea that students should watch videos as homework?

6 Topic: Profound Life Experiences

Video 1: Benjamin Zander: The transformative power of classical music (20:43)

https://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_zander_on_music_and_passion

Video 2: May El-Khalil: Making peace is a marathon (10:16)

https://www.ted.com/talks/may_el_khalil_making_peace_is_a_marathon?language=en

Discussion questions

- *2 What do you think about major sporting events like the Olympics or World Cup?
- *3 What do think is the music that best represents you / your culture? Why?
- *4 What sporting events are significant in your country? Why?
- 5 Have you ever felt transformed by something? Explain.
- 6 What is your definition of success? What do you do to be excellent?
- 7 Have you had an experience where making a choice determined your destiny?

7 Topic: Robots in Society

Video 1: Rodney Brooks: Why we will rely on robots (9:56)

https://www.ted.com/talks/rodney_brooks_why_we_will_rely_on_robots

Video 2: Humans Need Not Apply by C.G.P. Grey (<http://www.cgpgrey.com/>) (15:00)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Pq-S557XQU>

Discussion questions

- *2 What technologies do you think will have the greatest impact on society in the next 5 to 10 years?
- *3 What technological invention has had the most influence in your life so far? How has it influenced your life?
- *4 What skills do you think will be important to have to get a job after university?
- 5 What do you think about robot development and its impact on society? What do you think about the use of robots by the military?
- 6 What do you think of the Japanese system for recruiting employees out of university?
- 7 What jobs have you done in your life and what did you like and dislike about them?

8 Topic: World Affairs

Video 1: Boyd Varty: What I learned from Nelson Mandela (14:59)

https://www.ted.com/talks/boyd_varty_what_i_learned_from_nelson_mandela

Video 2: Hyeonseo Lee: My escape from North Korea (12:15)

https://www.ted.com/talks/hyeonseo_lee_my_escape_from_north_korea

Discussion questions

- *2 What do you think about capitalism, communism, and socialism?
- *3 What word do you think is beautiful in your country? What do you think about the word *omotenashi*?
- *4 Who do you think has done a good job against racial discrimination?
- 5 What do you know about the present situation in North Korea?
- 6 What do you think about the current world political situation?
- 7 What should be done to help refugees who escape from oppression or war?

9 Topic: Responsibility of Science

Video 1: Martin Rees: Can we prevent the end of the world? (6:52)

https://www.ted.com/talks/martin_rees_can_we_prevent_the_end_of_the_world

Video 2: Artificial Intelligence | Elon Musk, SpaceX and Tesla | Code

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tV8EOQNYC-8>

Discussion questions

- *2 What companies do you think will influence our future?
- *3 Do you think that the human race might become extinct? Why or why not?
- *4 What problems do you see being caused by technology?
- 5 How do you think science can be controlled?
- 6 What do you think of biotechnology?
- 7 Do you think that World War III is imminent?

10 Topic: Lying

Video: Can you really tell if a kid is lying? Kang Lee (13:36)

https://www.ted.com/talks/kang_lee_can_you_really_tell_if_a_kid_is_lying

Discussion questions

- *2 Share an experience you have had regarding lying?
- *3 How do you think lying is perceived in Japanese culture?
- *4 What do you think of the two ingredients for good lying: mind reading and self-control?
- 5 Do you think children are good liars?
- 6 Are there any problems related to using the hidden emotion system?
- 7 When do you think it is ok to tell a lie?

11 Topic: Revitalizing Rural Areas of Japan

Article: Revitalizing rural parts of Japan

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2015/01/04/editorials/revitalizing-rural-parts-of-japan/#.WYLMYoSGOUI>

Discussion questions

- *2 How would you describe rural life in your country? Give concrete examples.
- *3 How would you describe urban life in your country? Give concrete examples?
- *4 What do you think about the problem of empty houses (空き家) in Japan?
- 5 How can local governments encourage people to move to rural areas?
- 6 What do you think about farming in your country?
- 7 Share some experiences you have going to a rural part of your country.

12 Topic: Employment

Article: The 4.0 Career is Coming – What is your purpose for working?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/douglas-labier/the-40-career-is-coming-a_b_783566.html

Discussion questions

- *2 What experience have you had working? Have you had a part-time job?
- *3 What do you think about the employment situation in Japan and the world today?
- *4 What is your ideal future job? Where do you want to work?
- 5 If you could work in another country, where would you go to?
- 6 What have you learned from seeing your parents or other adults work?
- 7 What do you think about the problem of NEET people in Japan?

13 Topic: Japan - a Super-aged Society

Article 1: A “super-aged” society and the “locomotive syndrome”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2779431/>

Article 2: Japan’s children face a dementia boom

http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2015/11/28/national/media-national/japans-children-face-dementia-boom/#.V6scY_I96Uk

Discussion questions

- *2 What will stimulate people to have more children?
- *3 What do you think are the major problems of a super-aged society?
- *4 Share your experience with older people.
- 5 What do you think about the impact of so many senior citizens on elections?
- 6 Should the government use tax money for end-of-life medical treatment?
- 7 What do you think about the problem of dementia?

14 Topic: World Health

Video 1: Seth Berkley: The troubling reason why vaccines are made too late ... (7:18)

https://www.ted.com/talks/seth_berkley_the_troubling_reason_why_vaccines_are_made_too_late_if_they_re_made_at_all/transcript?language=en

Video 2: Learning from smallpox: How to eradicate a disease - Julie Garon and Walter A.

Orenstein (5:45)

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/learning-from-smallpox-how-to-eradicate-a-disease-julie-garon-and-walter-a-orenstein>

Discussion questions

- *2 What do you think about the problem of antibiotic resistant bacteria?
- *3 What do you think about bioterrorism?
- *4 What diseases do you think government should focus on?
- 5 What do you think about the difference between the U.S. military budget and vaccine development budget?
- 6 What diseases did your grandparents worry about when they were young?

7 What diseases are a problem in your country?

15 Topic: Inventions

Article: Invention most Japanese are proud of is instant ramen

<https://japantoday.com/category/features/lifestyle/invention-most-japanese-are-proud-of-is-instant-ramen>

Discussion questions

- *2 What invention from your country do you find the most impressive?
- *3 What inventions do you think have had the biggest impact on world history?
- *4 What inventions have been created at Tohoku University and what do you think of them?
- 5 What invention do you wish had never been created?
- 6 What invention would you like to see created?
- 7 What inventor do you admire the most?

16 Topic: Nationalism & Globalism

Video: Alexander Betts: Why Brexit happened -- and what to do next (17:22)

https://www.ted.com/talks/alexander_betts_why_brexit_happened_and_what_to_do_next

Discussion questions

- *2 What do you think about the United Kingdom?
- *3 What do you think about the EU?
- *4 How do you feel about globalization?
- 5 How well do you know your own country?
- 6 What do you think about accepting immigrants?
- 7 What do you think of the United Nations?