TED Talk Instructions

Now that you have a question and you have found some evidence to answer that question, it’s time to start writing! Since you’re an expert on your topic, you will be presenting your findings in a **3-minute presentation** that you will give next week in class.

- Begin your talk by “hooking” your audience. Get them interested and make them want to know what you’re going to tell them!
- Share what you’ve found with the class by presenting evidence. You may use any of these forms of evidence:
  - Quotes (remember to tell us who originally said it!)
  - Stories (your own or someone else’s)
  - Pictures or other visual aids
  - Statistics and other facts
- Use your own words to explain and comment on your evidence.
- End your talk by telling your audience what they can do with the information you’ve presented to them. Is there something they can change? How can they help?

Your written talk is due in class on ____________. Then you will be given an order for presenting in class. Some special notes about presenting:

- You are the expert, so look the part! Boys, you need to wear a tie. Girls, you need to wear a skirt. You should also sound like a professional (use correct grammar).
- Part of this experience is being a good audience member. Give your full attention to those who are presenting. Be polite and kind, just like you want others to be when you are presenting.
- Your talk does not need to be memorized, but you need to know it well enough that you can give it without looking at your paper the whole time. You need to make eye contact with members of your audience and speak loudly enough so that everyone could hear. This means that you should practice at least twice before the day of your presentation.
- Use media wisely! You should only use media if it makes your talk stronger. Don’t waste the 3 minutes you have showing pictures.
- If you are going to use media, it needs to be on PowerPoint or Keynote. You need to email me your presentation **the night before your presentation** so that it can be ready to go when it is your turn.