



Pedagogical Assessment of: Ted Ed

Website: www.ed.ted.com



Usage

TED Ed is a website which offers a set of freely available talks that have the potential to supplement a wide variety of courses. Moreover, since there are many videos available, it is highly appropriate for flipped classroom. This is an accessible website for students as the speakers often focus on discussing aspects of a concept in a simplified manner with supporting examples. TED Ed is a highly useful tool for personal research and has fantastic learning potential; especially for visual, auditory and kinaesthetic learners.

Teachers can build TED-Ed lessons around a previously created video as long as it has been uploaded to YouTube and is listed as public.





Ease of Access

As TED Ed is an online application it needs Internet connection. Users do not need to login in order to watch TED-Ed lessons but it is required to save answers, participate in discussions or create new lessons around a YouTube videos. Therefore, it would be advisable to plan a lesson involving TED Ed in a computer room/using iPads. Log in with Facebook is also available so users do not need to create an account dedicated to TED Ed.

Pedagogical Assessment

TED Ed is a tool dedicated to support learning. Its videos are well produced with animations that will draw the attention of learners. Given the wide range of subjects, this website is particularly useful for research. Students also have the opportunity to start/contribute to discussion helping them to learn about different viewpoints, enabling them to become leaders in their own learning.

Example:

Students use TED Ed to research issues in business ethics.

Reviews

“I've used the videos to supplement lessons or to help students understand a confusing concept. Ted ED was engaging, concise, and it helped me answer their questions. I have yet to try any of their lesson plans that go with some of the videos” -Josh W. (Educator)

Advantages

- Wide variety of videos on subjects, users can also create lessons around their own YouTube videos
- It provides students with a fun and engaging way to expand their knowledge.
- Its free and easy to use.

Disadvantages

- Students need to be at least 13 years old in order to create an account.
- May not appeal to certain age groups/types of learners as students may become bored listening to a talk.
- In order to create a lesson around a video, it need to be previously updated to YouTube as well as listed as public.

Conclusion

TED Ed is a great tool to expand the knowledge of students and explain them complex topics in an appealing and fun way. Given the accessible features and simple website design. In addition, teachers can use them to complement the topics covered in class and students can access to an extensive library of knowledge.

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