TED Worksheet #1

Have you heard about TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) talks yet? These "riveting talks by remarkable people, free to the world," according to the TED.com website, come from global experts in many disciplines. The presenters give highly personal presentations that address many important and some entertaining topics in short, engaging talks. Themes range from business, education, and technology to culture, science, and development. Find a short video on a topic of particular interest to you. Although lectures can be seen as a one-way conversation, the best TED talks show us how to share specialized information in a comfortable, effective, and friendly manner. You will probably want to watch and listen to the talk two times before answering these questions. Finally, be prepared to review the TED talk for your classmates in a series of one to one online conversations. Please answer the following questions to start preparing your review:

What is the title of the talk?

Who is the speaker? What is the speaker's background?

Where and when was the TED talk given?

How did the speaker begin the presentation?

What is the theme of the talk? Does it match the title? How?

What was a memorable part of this TED talk? What made it memorable?

How did the speaker connect to his audience? (Humor, visual aids, etc)

What did the speaker want to accomplish? Do you think the speaker achieved their

goals?

Did the speaker convince you? Why?

Why did you choose this TED talk?

How would you rate this TED talk on a scale of 1-5? Why?

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