

The Purpose of Going to School :Looking Beyond the book

Thématiche 1- savoirs création, innovation, Axe 1: production et circulation des savoirs
“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.” —Malcolm Forbes

To what extent is education purpose to challenge norms?

At the end of the Unit, I will

What documents will be used ?

1- Fitting in

1a- Racial issues

1a1- Jim Crow Laws : texte à trou pour expliquer le contexte
1a2 - Brown vs board of education : A More or Less Perfect Union, vidéo A Personal Exploration by Judge Douglas Ginsburg, <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

1b- Confronting your pairs

1b1- introducing Robert Billings, *The Wave*, Todd Strasser, 1981, chapter 2
1b2- Talk strange, *The Wave*, Todd Strasser, 1981, chapter 3
1b3- Belonging, *The Wave*, Todd Strasser, 1981, chapter 8
1b4- White vs Indian, illustration d'après *The Absolute Diary of a Half-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie, 2007
1b5- Arriving in a new school, d'après *The Absolute Diary of a Half-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie, 2007

1c- Social gap issues

1c1- *The hate you give*, Angie Thomas, chapter 5; 2018
1c2- *The Freedom Writers Diary*, with Eryn Gruwell, 1999, entry

2- A group dynamique

2a – The dark Continent, Leonard Kibera, *African Short Stories*, “*The Spider’s Web*”, 1985
2b - surf school in SA (CO)

3- A mean for equality

3a- Do we need a school uniform?- Rhiannon Lucy Cosslett, *The Guardian*, Sept 5th, 2020
3b- School of the air- Australian history (vidéo + illustration)
3c1- affirmative action explained: a definition by Investopedia
3c2- affirmative action illustrated, www.aapf.org
3c3- Social Inequalities Explained in a \$100 Race

4- A mean to raise awareness

4a1 - Ron DeSantis’ academic restrictions show he hopes to change history by censoring it, [Francine Prose](#), Thu 9 Feb 2023 12.00 *The Guardian*
4a2- Letter From Barack Obama, former president to the Librarians of America, July 17, 2023
4b- The Freedom Riders, extract from *The Freedom writers Diary*, with Eryn Gruwell, 1999, partVI, entry 1975

5- Some outcoming challenges

5a- Supreme Court rules against affirmative action in college

	<p>admissions, video by MSNBC</p> <p>5b- Here's how online teaching can reshape education in rural India, Kiran Dham, CEP, Globus Infocom, <i>India Today</i>, June 2020</p> <p>5c- introducing gap years, <i>an activity of the British Council</i></p> <p>6- Forgetful Institutions</p> <p>6a- Provo School website cover page, https://provocanyon.com/, July 2024</p> <p>6b- illustration of Trapped in treatment, podcast from Paris Hilton, iHeart True Crime</p> <p>6c- Paris Hilton is Taking On the Troubled-Teen Industry, Samantha Leach, <i>Bustle.com</i>, April 30th, 2024</p> <p>6d- The Program: Cons, Cults and Kidnapping, Official trailer, <i>Netflix</i>, Katherine Kubler, Janja Lalich, Maia Slazavitch2024</p>
What will I learn about ?	How education is not only about acquiring knowledge but covers a lot of different fields
Final Task	You will propose a 5 minutes podcast about an issue raised by the educational topic

INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR FINAL TASK :

1- You will need to register your podcast in class on D-Day: make sure to bring whatever gear you'll need to this purpose : mic, phone, computers...

2- Your podcast will need to last from 3 to 5 minutes

3- You will have to pick among the different topics here after, give a title to your podcast, raise an issue and answer it by giving your opinion:

a- Learning Adventures: Explore different learning journeys about experiences, overcoming challenges and achieving success in educational pursuits.

b- The Future of Education: Discuss emerging trends, innovations, and challenges in the education sector such as online learning, personalized education, gamification, and the impact of technology on classrooms.

c- Literary Explorations: Dive into the world of literature by discussing the place of books in education: classic books, contemporary novels, poetry, and literary analysis. You can also feature recommendations for young readers.

d- Life Skills and Personal Development: Discuss personal development strategies on essential life skills such as communication, time management, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence

e- Mindfulness and Mental Health: Focus on mental well-being, stress management, and mindfulness techniques in schools, discuss coping strategies, and tips for maintaining a healthy work-life balance, especially for high school students.

f- Global Perspectives: Explore different cultures, traditions, and world events. Discuss how school may help thinking about global issues, social justice, environmental conservation, and the importance of cultural understanding in today's interconnected world.

4- Remember, the key to a successful podcast is passion, engaging storytelling, and genuine interest in the topics you're discussing. Choose a topic that resonates with you and make sure to have some arguments to develop it.