

Ted Project

Ted Writing (April2)

21st Century Reading Book 4A

Choose one of the Projects from Unit 1-6 to complete the writing assignment. The writing assignment is listed at the end of each unit. All writing assignments will be carried out individually. The textbook is there to guide you through the writing assignment. The reading section including diagrams, photos, infographics, and guiding questions are there to help you brainstorm your ideas for the writing assignment.

You may look up the actual Tedtalks listed under each of the units in the textbook. Transcript of each of the tedtalks from the unit will be provided towards the end of the textbook.

Ted Speakers

Unit 1: Embrace Stress

Kelly McGonigal

How to make stress your friend

Writing: Writing a letter giving advice (giving advice to one of the people provided in the textbook as a psychologist)

Unit 2: Media Influences

Colin Stokes

How movies teach manhood

Writing: Writing movie review (apply the Bedchel Test mentioned in the textbook)

Unit 3: Development

Hans Rosling

Global population growth, box by box

Writing: Writing about how wealth is distributed in your country (refer to infographic provided in the textbook on wealth distribution in America)

Unit 4: Secrets and Lies

Pamela Meyer

How to spot a liar

Writing: Expressing an opinion on lying (Is there ever a good reason for lying?)

Unit 5: To the Edge

David Blaine

How I held my breath for 17 minutes

Writing: Comparing people's achievements (between achievements of David Blaine and those of a person of extraordinary achievement of your choice)

Unit 6: Money Matters

Bill and Melinda Gates

Why giving away our wealth has been the most satisfying thing we've done

Writing: Writing about a charitable project (Through research, explain its purpose and why people should contribute money to it)