

Ted Project

Ted Project (November)

21st Century Reading Book 3

Choose one of the Projects from Unit 1-10 to complete the project for this month's project. The Project details are listed at the end of each unit. The questions will help you work through the project. All projects will be carried out as self-project and hence conducted individually. "Explore More" recommends tedtalks that may serve as additional references and resources for your project. The textbook is there to guide you through the project. The diagrams, photos, infographics, questions, and texts are there to help you brainstorm your ideas for the project.

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: Hidden Miracles

Filmmaker

Louie Schwartzberg: Hidden Miracles of the Natural World

Project: Researching for a presentation on biomimicry (how something in nature has inspired a particular technology or invention)

Unit 2: Sleep Matters

Arianna Huffington: How to Succeed? Get More Sleep

Project: Researching for a presentation about sleep (sleep-related topics)

Unit 3: Cyborg Tech

Artist and cyborg activist

Neil Harrison: I Listen to Color

Project: Researching for a presentation on cyborg technology

Unit 4: Happy Planet

Statistician

Nic Marks: The Happy Planet Index

Project: Designing a plan for community happiness (plan to increase sustainability and citizens' happiness)

Unit 5: Career Paths

Graphic designer

Stefan Sagmeister: The Power of Time Off

Project: Creating a time-off plan for employees (role-play as owners of the company)

Unit 6: Text Generation

Linguist

John McWhorter: Testing is Killing Language: JK!!!

Project: Presenting an analysis of how people use texting (how and how people text)

Unit 7: Barriers and Bridges

Novelist

Chiamando Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a Single Story

Project: Critically evaluating an example of cultural stereotyping (critically evaluate the portrayal of a character in a book, movie, or TV show)

Unit 8: Personality Types

Author

Susan Cain: The Power of Introverts

Project: Researching for a presentation on contributions to society (choose from a list of accomplished introverts and find out about their contributions to society)

Unit 9: Smart Thinking

Psychologist and primatologist

Susan Savage-Rumbaugh

The Gentle Genius of Bonobos

Project: Proposing and justifying a wildlife research project (applying for funding for a research study for animal intelligence)

Unit 10: Facing Fear

Astronaut

Chris Hadfield

What I learned from Going Blind in Space

Project: Designing a 3 day course for tackling fears