

## TED Talks in Arabic

### Assignment Summary:

The *TED Talks in Arabic* project offers you an opportunity to synthesize your skills in reading, research, writing and oral presentation. You will be developing a theme for a short talk with accompanying visual images, to be presented before an audience of fellow students and professors. All students of Arabic will be assigned one TED Talk over the course of the summer.

The original TED Talks began in 1984 as a conference linking ideas on Technology, Entertainment and Design. This initial concept, represented by the motto "Ideas Worth Spreading," has expanded to cover a vast array of topics ranging from "science to business to global issues." Typically, TED Talks take the form of short, powerful talks of 18 minutes or less.

Our *TED Talks in Arabic* project encourages you to speak about a topic of personal significance or highlight an issue of interest. You may visit the TED website <https://www.ted.com/about/our-organization> for ideas about how typical TED Talks are structured. The talks are usually delivered in a conversational style, and are often supported by accompanying slides or other visual aids (see below, **TED Talks Specifications**).

### TED Talks Basic Instructions:

- Choose a theme for your talk and have it approved by your professor
- Complete all necessary research, including locating relevant images
- Draft a script for your talk. Incorporate **at least 10 vocabulary words** studied in class, as well as any **grammatical concepts** introduced in class
- Go over your draft script with your professor and/or TA
- Finalize your script, implementing all necessary corrections
- Develop a short accompanying visual presentation in PowerPoint or a similar slide-based program
- Practice delivering your talk with the TA

### Visual Materials for the TED Talk may include:

- Images with original captions
- Map with brief description
- Photo montage
- Historical timeline with commentary
- News headlines
- Other relevant images

### TED Talks Length:

Elementary classes: 5 - 8 minutes (individual, or group of 3-4 students)

Intermediate class: 6 - 15 minutes (individual, or group of 2-3 students)

### Due dates:

Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please arrive at 5:15 PM in order to upload your PowerPoint into the computer.

**Location:** Irvine Auditorium