

# Teaching with **TED** Talks



Do Schools Kill Creativity

Sir Ken Robinson

## TED Talk Comprehension Questions

“Do Schools Kill Creativity” - Sir Ken Robinson

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<p>If you aren't prepared to be wrong, you will never come up with anything _____.</p> <p>Explain what this means:</p>	<p>Do you believe that schools kill creativity? Explain.</p>	<p>If you could change anything about the education system to better focus on the power of creativity, what would you do? (How would you infuse creativity into the curriculum?)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>
<p>What does Robinson say (in jest) is the point of education?</p> <p>The real intent behind public education was:</p> <p>Explain why this model of education may be obsolete:</p>	<p>According to Robinson, what <b>SHOULD</b> be the purpose of public education?</p>	<p>What is a consequence of a public school system that only values certain abilities and stigmatizes others?</p>

<p>According to Robinson, what are women better at than men?</p>	<p>What do we know about intelligence?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>	<p>Are all people intelligent in the same way?</p> <p>Explain.</p>
<p>Think of a skill or ability you possess that is undervalued in the current educational system. What is it?</p>	<p>Have you ever experienced a stifling of creativity in your educational experience? How did you respond?</p>	<p>Hashtag this TED Talk:</p> <p>#</p> <p>#</p> <p>#</p> <p>#</p> <p>#</p>

**Notes:**

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<p>If you aren't prepared to be wrong, you will never come up with anything <u>original</u>.</p> <p>Explain what this means:</p> <p>Risks= unknown/no guarantee of 100% success</p>	<p>Do you believe that schools kill creativity? Explain.</p>	<p>If you could change anything about the education system to better focus on the power of creativity, what would you do? (How would you infuse creativity into the curriculum?)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>
<p>What does Robinson say (in jest) is the point of education?</p> <p>produce university professors</p> <p>The real intent behind public education was:</p> <p>The whole system of public education around the world is a protracted process of university entrance.</p> <p>Explain why this model of education may be obsolete:</p> <p>The whole structure of education is shifting beneath our feet. Degrees aren't worth as much as they once were. (Degree inflation)</p>	<p>According to Robinson, what <b>SHOULD</b> be the purpose of public education?</p> <p>Our education system has mined our minds in the way that we strip-mine the earth: for a particular commodity. And for the future, it won't serve us. We have to rethink the fundamental principles on which we're educating our children.</p> <p>Our task is to educate their (children) whole being, so they can face this future.</p> <p>We need to see our creative capacities for the richness they are and seeing our children for the hope that they are.</p>	<p>What is a consequence of a public school system that only values certain abilities and stigmatizes others?</p> <p>Children don't take chances. They never want to be wrong. As children get older they view creativity as too "risky."</p> <p>many highly-talented, brilliant, creative people think they're not, because the thing they were good at at school wasn't valued, or was actually stigmatized</p>

<p>According to Robinson, what are women better at than men?</p> <p><b>Multi-tasking</b></p>	<p>What do we know about intelligence?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Diverse</b></li> <li>2. <b>Dynamic</b></li> <li>3. <b>Distinct</b></li> </ol>	<p>Are all people intelligent in the same way?</p> <p><b>No</b> Explain.</p>
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