

Presentation Ideas

The following is just a list of main topics. In the presentations you should focus on specific examples and put light on these as seen from a TOK point-of-view (in short: "How do we know").

Use your sources from:

- the TOK-lessons
- the archives in the TOK-room in Fronter (2th/1)
- Tomkinson "The enterprise of knowledge"
- Lagemaat: "Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma"
- Lessons and literature in your IB-subjects
- Literature from the school library and the TOK library (ask the TOK-teacher)
- The Internet

Ideas:

1. Logic and daily language. See also other documents in the Fronter archive, "What to do with logic"
2. Mathematics as a source to knowledge: See: documents in the Fronter archive, "What is Math"
3. Artificial intelligence – how far is this possible? – can a machine be intelligent? – is the human a machine? - can the mind be explained totally in physical/chemical terms? – what is intelligence? (sources: The Matrix, the Internet, Science Fiction novels). See: documents in the Fronter archive "AI".
4. Observation and interpretation as looked from examples in Psychology and Science.
5. What is real? Ideas from discussions in the lessons, from Science Fiction novels, The Matrix, The Truman Show, the text from "Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance" (ZenMotor01.doc in Fronter archive "What is real").
6. Human Science: Select a contemporary problem involving groups, e. g . discrimination/integration, The US/Danish election, the war in Iraq, the Pisa report etc. Consider the problem from one or more angles: Psychology, Social science, Economics, Politics.
7. History: Is there any historical truth? Choose any historical event, e.g WW2, the war in Vietnam, Iraq, Dybbøl etc. and demonstrate how the historians work to find truth about the past.
8. Ethics: Select any ethical issue, you may choose problems raised in the film "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" or problems of discrimination, crime etc. Produce a case story.
9. Language: Focus on any contemporary issue, which is described in a daily newspaper. Focus on the conflict of values the case represents. Examine the language used to describe the conflict. How is language used?
10. Values: Use newspapers and magazine articles to illustrate conflicts of concepts and values. Compare how the same issue is dealt with in different articles, concerning values and language.

Rules for presentations

1. See TOK Guide
2. Groups from 3 to 4 students.
3. Time: 10 min. per student + time for class discussions.
4. Individual hand in (paper og email): plan for presentation.
At latest two days before the presentation. (See form under bullet 6).
5. Individual hand in (paper): Finish form TK/PDD, "Presentation planning document", see Fronter: *FormTKPPDPresPlan.pdf*.
(You are welcome to refer to an attached document in the form.).
At latest a week after the presentation.
6. Individual hand in (paper): Finish form TK/PMF, "Presentation marking form", the part "Presenter's assessment", see Fronter: *FormTKPPDPresMark.pdf*.
(You are welcome to refer to an attached document in the form.).
At latest a week after the presentation.
7. The teacher makes an assessment according to form TK/PMF, "Presentation marking form", the part "Teacher's assessment". This assessment is bases on an assessment of the group as a whole and adjusted to each individual student.
8. The presentation in the group must be planned so that each student show he's / her's abilities.

Examples of presentations

See also examples in the TOK Guide

- What is real? – “There is no spoon” (The Matrix)
- Artificial intelligence
- Euthanasia – morally correct or incorrect?
- To what extent can one question reality? - Vanilla Sky
- Schema Theory
- Art
- SETI – a pseudoscience?
- Problems with new/unpopular scientific theories
- Gene Manipulation
- Communication-TV as a means of communicating
- Free Will or Determinism
- Historical Sources: The Bombing of Guernica
- Interventionism: The War in Iraq
- Language and Communication related to Culture. Is a universal language possible?
- Knowledge or Belief. The First Moon Landing .Are pictures reliable evidence?
- Is RealityTV a reliable source of knowledge?
- Language and Culture: Change and Development