

Class Name: 上級火 Advanced TED -Discuss and Debate Tue. (online /18:30-20:00)

Instructor: Ms. Cheryl Okubo

This class will enhance your ability to form a logical opinion and express it reasonably with supporting facts. You will also learn to take in new ideas, rather than simply enforce your own.

Each week a TED talk will be either discussed or debated, using large and small breakout rooms. The TED talks are decided in advance so that students can preview and prepare for discussion or debate. The first lesson will be a brief overview of the following debate components: resolutions, reasons, supports, refutations and rebuttals, however, in this class all debates will be casual in nature rather than formal.

Topics:

The TED talks will be chosen by Cheryl for the first two months of class, and after that students can suggest TED talks each month and we will take a vote to decide which ones to watch and discuss or debate. Sometimes, discussion is the only way to deal with a TED talk, other times a debate is also possible, depending on the theme. It might be possible to use the same TED talk twice, once for discussion and once for debate, but usually we will have a different TED talk each week.

Class Flow:

In the case of discussion only, the first 30 minutes will be used for a large group, then small breakout rooms will allow members to discuss their points of view in more detail for 30 minutes. The final 30 minutes will be used to summarize and give feedback about what we learned from this discussion.

For example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arj7oStGLkU>

In the case of debate, the first 25 minutes of class will be used for clarification of the pros & cons of the issue in a large group, and 5 minutes for forming a debate resolution. Then, the class will be divided into Affirmative and Negative Teams. Each team will have 30 minutes to prepare their argument, and the final 30 minutes will be a casual debate (tennis style) in a large group. Sometimes, we will use a previous discussion for a debate (the same TED talk or TED speaker)

For example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4RLfVxTGH4>

About TED: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TED_%28conference%29

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受講者の声

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- ・ Cheryl 先生は、現在の社会状況や受講生の興味に沿った課題を柔軟に選んでくださるので、いつも楽しんで授業に参加しています。クラスの雰囲気も和やかで、オンラインでも発言しやすかったです。(2020 年度 上級火 TED-Discuss & Debate クラス(オンライン授業)受講 M.U.さん)
- ・ 毎回トピックも興味深く、講師の先生がうまく話を引き出してくれて活発な授業となったのがよかったですと思います。参加者の方たちの意見や議論に圧倒されてばかりでしたが、自分も物事をよく考えられるようになりたいと思いながら、何とかついていくので精一杯でした。今後なるべく継続して英語でのコミュニケーション力を高めたいと思います。(2020 年度 上級火 TED-Discuss & Debate クラス(オンライン授業)受講 H.M.さん)