

HOW TO CREATE TEACHABLE MOMENTS FOR KIDS

A teachable moment is an unplanned, or intentionally placed, learning opportunity. These can happen anywhere and at anytime. They provide parents, guardians, and teachers the chance to help children learn new concepts and deepen their understanding of previously acquired knowledge. This can also be very useful when considering the design process as students can be more informed as they develop future iterations.

Parents, guardians and teachers have learned to watch for these moments. They listen and pay close attention ready to pounce with questions or thoughtful discussion at any time. We can create these moments especially when kids are working on a project or doing their homework by asking open ended questions. More importantly we need to be ready to explain and discuss the 'why' behind the child's answer and encourage them to research and dig deeper. This 'why' is the key to creating the teachable moment to better decode the world they live in.

Sometimes these questions and discussions can lead to questions that adults can't answer and this is the golden opportunity to model how to learn instead of what to learn! When you don't have the answer it gives kids the chance to learn alongside you: "That's a great question! Let's look it up together!" This builds confidence because it's ok that we don't always have all the answers. More importantly, it gives kids the sense of pride to learn that we are all life-long-learners.

BLACKOUT POETRY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE TEACHABLE MOMENT QUESTIONS

How could you and your family change the way you use water in your house? Look at this resource and find new ways to help.



What is the role of the image or lack thereof, in your poem?

How could creating art affect our society and the way that we treat the Earth?

Could your poem be put to music? What kind of song would it create?

Is there a song from a Canadian artist that conveys the same emotions as your poem?

How does the poem change if it doesn't have a title?

How could you explain the process of creating your Blackout Poem to a friend?

How does your poem make the reader/viewer feel?

How did the message you are sending with your poem change from the original text's message?

We consider ourselves lucky that we live in this amazing country, write 10 things that you are grateful for in your community.

What is climate change?

How are natural events affected by climate change

What are the differences between a natural phenomenon and a natural event?

Talk with your grandparents, how has climate changed in your region since they were young?

Find old pictures of your community, what do you observe? How has nature changed?

What impacts do climate change have in your region?

Did you know that Canada has 1/5 of the World's freshwater? Learn more here;



Did you know that clean water protects people from disease, yet only 1/3 of the world's population has access to it. One of the UN's goals is by 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all. How does that look in your community or your household? Have your water tested, there are lots of options on the web.

