

## 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.

## UPCYCLE FASION TEACHABLE MOMENT QUESTIONS

HOW IS THE STYLE  
OF YOUR  
ACCESSORY  
INFLUENCED BY  
HISTORICAL  
FASHION TRENDS?

THINK AND  
DEVELOP A  
CATCHY SLOGAN  
OR MARKETING  
CAMPAIGN FOR  
YOUR NEW  
FASHION  
ACCESSORY.

HOW CAN YOU  
USE SHORT,  
DESCRIPTIVE  
LANGUAGE TO  
MOTIVATE  
INDIVIDUALS TO  
BE CONSCIOUS  
ABOUT THE  
MATERIAL  
ORIGIN OF WHAT  
THEY WEAR?

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF  
YOUR FASHION  
ACCESSORY ON THE  
ENVIRONMENT? WHILE  
IT MAY HAVE BEEN A  
GREAT IDEA IN THE  
BEGINNING, HAS YOUR  
MAKER PROCESS  
CHANGED THE IMPACT  
NOW THAT YOU HAVE A  
FINISHED PRODUCT?

Does your item  
convey your own  
identity or the  
identity of your  
community? Why is  
fashion important for  
identity? What is  
identity?

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF  
POPULAR FASHION  
TRENDS ON OUR OWN  
HEALTH? THE HEALTH OF  
OUR COMMUNITY? THE  
HEALTH OF THE PLANET?

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF  
COLOUR IN YOUR  
DESIGN?

HOW CAN YOU  
MAXIMIZE THE  
SURFACE AREA OF  
YOUR RECYCLED  
MATERIAL? HOW  
CAN YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
SHAPES INFLUENCE  
YOUR DESIGN?

HOW CAN  
POLYGONS AND  
POLYHEDRA  
INFLUENCE YOUR  
DESIGN?

HOW HAS ART  
EVOLVED OVER  
TIME BECAUSE OF  
SHAPES AND  
GEOMETRY?