

APPENDIX A: PODCAST ASSIGNMENT

Assignment

- Students are divided into groups of four or five people.
- Students have to produce a 15-20 minute podcast (3000-5000 words script) on an assigned or chosen topic/ question.
- The content of the podcast must (1) contain an overview of the topic, (2) state the relevance, (3) highlight the most important debates and (4) conclude with a discussion of the implications.
- Students record and edit the podcast (in a DIY studio or) with the free software Audacity (and Zencastr).

It is also possible to add extra challenges in the assignment, for example, students could be encouraged to record and include expert interviews, add Jingles in the podcast or interesting audio tracks with quotes. Moreover, it is possible to discuss with students if they would like to share their podcasts on social media, for example, on a specially created blog or an upload to SoundCloud. Many schools are posting their podcasts on the internet (Sprague & Pixley, 2008, p. 231).

Tips or recording and editing the podcast:

- Downloading Audacity : <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>.
- Basics: recording, editing, mixing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ClwSNm362E>
- Audacity editing tips: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zJhVE3bw2o>
- Make your voice sound better: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYF5ytMDFpA> en <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQCB72S64L4>
- Students can find royalty-free music at: <https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music> or <https://www.youtube.com/audiolibrary/music>

Tips for storytelling:

- The clues to a great story: https://www.ted.com/talks/andrew_stanton_the_clues_to_a_great_story?referrer=playlist-how_to_tell_a_story
- How to start a podcast: every single step: <https://www.thepodcasthost.com/planning/how-to-start-a-podcast/#part11>
- The art of creating an invisible podcast script: <https://www.thepodcasthost.com/planning/the-invisible-podcast-script/>
- Podcast scripting: How do I write a podcast script: <https://www.thepodcasthost.com/planning/podcast-scripting/>