








Top 10 Reasons to Bring Podcasting into your Classroom!



① Engage Students in Content Areas	Incorporating podcasts into specific content areas of your curriculum can increase student engagement and interest in a variety of subjects.
② Build Literacy	Podcasts help students develop vocabulary, improve comprehension, and increase fluency. They provide exposure to a wide range of literary and informational text genres and styles, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, interviews, research studies, and news.
③ Develop Listening Comprehension	The science of reading shows that listening comprehension has a profound influence on reading comprehension and language acquisition. From formal to conversational texts, podcasts offer students an opportunity to practice listening skills and strengthen Common Core listening standards while improving their reading comprehension skills.
④ Support Differentiation	Podcasts combine audio, visual, and textual elements, providing a multimodal learning experience that can benefit different learning styles.
⑤ Provide Opportunities for Authentic Learning	Incorporating podcasts that feature interviews with experts, news reports, or real-life scenarios can provide an authentic learning experience that connects the classroom to the real world.
⑥ Build Media Literacy Skills	Podcasts can provide students with different perspectives and voices on a topic, helping them develop empathy, a deeper understanding of different cultures and communities, and media literacy skills that they can use to navigate our complex world of information.
⑦ Support Language Acquisition & Cultural Sensitivity	Whether they are language learners or fluent readers and writers, podcasts provide students with exposure to different accents, vocabulary, and language structures, helping them develop and strengthen their language skills and develop respect for diverse ways of communicating.
⑧ Develop Technological Literacy	Podcasting requires the use of technology and software, providing students with the opportunity to develop their technological literacy skills and digital citizenship.
⑨ Expand Project Based Learning	Podcasts are a valuable tool for project-based learning. Students can use podcasts as a starting point for research, to gather information for a project, or create their own podcast as a final product.
⑩ Foster Creativity & Collaboration	Podcasts offer a platform that provides students with an opportunity to exercise their creativity by writing and producing their own content—building research, outlining, writing, design, and art skills—while giving them a sense of ownership over their learning. Further, working in small groups to create podcasts helps students develop the 4Cs of 21st century learning—communication, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity skills.



Further Reading & Listening

 Podcast Episode: Why You Should Bring Podcasts into your Classroom (Cult of Pedagogy Episode 147)	This episode features three educators who share evidence-based reasons to incorporate podcasts into your curriculum.
 Blog Post: Why You Should Bring Podcasts into your Classroom by Lindsay Patterson (Cult of Pedagogy)	This blog post is a companion to the Cult of Pedagogy podcast episode 147 and links to key research.
 Newsletter: Teaching with Podcasts from Brown University's Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning	This newsletter explores ways to use podcasts as a way of increasing student equity in the classroom, and as a way to enhance learning outcomes at the college level and offers inspiration for incorporating in elementary, middle and high school classrooms
 Article: The Benefits of Using Podcasts in the Classroom by Michael Godsey (Reading Rockets)	A teacher shares his experience of using podcasts to improve literacy outcomes in his high school classroom.
 Research Paper: On the Importance of Listening Comprehension by Tiffany P. Hogan et al (<i>International Journal of Speech Language Pathology</i>)	This paper reviews evidence showing that listening comprehension becomes the dominating influence on reading comprehension starting even in the elementary grades.

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