

Podcast Directions

You and your partner will create a podcast about one of the topics we discussed during the Illinois/Chicago history unit. A podcast is simply talking about a specific topic, then posting it online so others can listen to it. There is a format and certain rules you must follow.

Your podcast will have 4 parts:

1. **Introduction Music**
2. **Introduce the topic**
3. **Discussing the topic**
4. **Answering questions**

Introduction Music: The program allows you to choose any song (MUST BE APPROPRIATE!!!!!!) and it will shorten it down to a 20-30 second clip. That clip will be your introduction music.

Introduce the topic: You and your partner will take 2-3 minutes to introduce yourselves and your topic. You need to get each other involved in the podcast. So instead of simply reading from a script, talk with each other. For example, instead of saying the “The Bears won the 1985 Super Bowl” you can say something like, “Hey Ikee, did you know the Bears won a Super Bowl? They won it in 1985 and many people think it was the greatest team of all time.”

Discussing the topic: This is where you and your partner will discuss your topic. You will have a conversation about it and inform the listeners about your topic. You will need to do outside research. You will need to have notes, bullet points or a list of specifics like names, dates etc. Don't try to remember everything.

Answering questions: You will need to create 5-10 questions about your topic. You will pretend they are from listeners and you will introduce each question by giving the listeners name and then the question. Answer and discuss each question.

End by playing music, restating your topic and reminding the listeners to tune into your future podcasts.

Total time will be 10-20 minutes. You will need to create time with your partner to finish and record your podcast lunch, study hall, at home, library etc.

We will go over specifics once we begin the process it's very easy! You will definitely need to practice. The 1st time Mahoney did it, it sounded terrible. When it was redone, it sounded 1000x better. Practice, change what didn't work or sound good. At first, it's kinda hard and awkward, but once you practice it's very easy and the time goes by fast

Example format for your podcast

1. Introduction music (30 seconds)
2. Introduce your topic...Introduce yourself and your topic then you and your partner briefly talk about it and the format of your podcast (2-3 minutes)
3. Intermission music (30 seconds)
4. You and your partner discuss your topic (4-8 minutes)
5. Intermission music (30 seconds)
6. Take questions from your listeners (4-8 minutes)
7. Conclusion remind listeners who you are, what your topic was and to listen to future podcasts (30 seconds-1 minute)

Total Time: 10-20 minutes

Homework Tonight: Listen to two podcasts tonight. They can be about any topic. If they are long (more than 30 minutes) just listen to the first 15-20 minutes.