

Personal Podcast Preparation Homework

What better way to prepare for your podcast than to listen to some of the best? Your task is to listen to 4 different podcasts on your own time. The hope is you will apply what you have learned to your group's podcast, making it the best it can be. Below are just a few interesting podcasts to start with, but in no way are they all of your choices. If you start one and it does not interest you, move on to another. Just like with other forms of media, choices are unlimited, don't get stuck with something you do not enjoy.

After you listen to EACH podcast, answer the reflection questions on the second page. You should have 4 sets of answers by the end of this activity.

Podcasts links (with descriptions of the shows from their websites):

- [Wow in the World](#) Through a combination of careful scientific research and fun, we'll go inside our brains, out into space, and deep into the coolest new stories in science and technology.
- [This American Life](#) *This American Life* is a weekly public radio show broadcast on more than 500 stations to about 2.2 million listeners. There's a theme to each episode of *This American Life*, and a variety of stories on that theme. Most of the stories are journalism, with an occasional comedy routine or essay.
- [The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel](#) The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel is a scripted podcast for middle grade kids, performed by middle grade kids. It is a fun, high-quality, serial mystery that can be described as Goonies meets Spy Kids meets Stranger Things for 8-12 year olds.
- [Story Corps](#) StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world.
- [The Pase & the Curious](#) This podcast shares true stories of inspiration, humor, and the incredible achievements of all types of people, many of which are sadly under-shared, and to do so in an easily accessible and diverse manner.
- [The Sporkful](#) The Sporkful isn't for foodies, it's for eaters. Each week Dan and his guests explore the huge, fun world of food and eating that's beyond the realm of recipes, chefs, and restaurants.
- [Radio Lab](#) Radiolab is a show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and human experience.
- [Brains On](#) Brains On! is a podcast featuring science and kids produced by MPR News and Southern California Public Radio. We ask questions and go wherever the answers take us. Sometimes that means talking to a food scientist or a snake handler, other times that means putting on a play about sound waves or writing songs about sleep. A different kid co-hosts each episode.

Reflection Questions

Answer the following questions, in complete sentences, after listening to EACH podcast you chose.

Podcast #1	
What podcast did you listen to (include both the show and the episode)?	
What knowledge did you gain from this podcast? Why does this interest you? How can you apply it to your life? (THIS SHOULD BE MULTIPLE SENTENCES. ONE SENTENCE IS NOT ENOUGH)	
What did you enjoy about this listening experience? Think: Sound effects, background music, the way the story is told, and vocal inflections, etc.	
What can you take away from this performance and apply to your group's podcast?	

Podcast #2

What podcast did you listen to (include both the show and the episode)?

What knowledge did you gain from this podcast? Why does this interest you? How can you apply it to your life? (THIS SHOULD BE MULTIPLE SENTENCES. ONE SENTENCE IS NOT ENOUGH)

What did you enjoy about this listening experience? Think: Sound effects, background music, the way the story is told, and vocal inflections, etc.

What can you take away from this performance and apply to your group's podcast?

Podcast #3

What podcast did you listen to (include both the show and the episode)?

What knowledge did you gain from this podcast? Why does this interest you? How can you apply it to your life? (THIS SHOULD BE MULTIPLE SENTENCES. ONE SENTENCE IS NOT ENOUGH)

What did you enjoy about this listening experience? Think: Sound effects, background music, the way the story is told, and vocal inflections, etc.

What can you take away from this performance and apply to your group's podcast?

Podcast #4

What podcast did you listen to (include both the show and the episode)?

What knowledge did you gain from this podcast? Why does this interest you? How can you apply it to your life? (THIS SHOULD BE MULTIPLE SENTENCES. ONE SENTENCE IS NOT ENOUGH)

What did you enjoy about this listening experience? Think: Sound effects, background music, the way the story is told, and vocal inflections, etc.

What can you take away from this performance and apply to your group's podcast?