

Office of Youth Experiences

8 Tips for a Successful Great American Teach-In



Know Your Audience:

Tailor your presentation to the age group and grade level of the students you'll be speaking to.
Use age-appropriate language and examples.



Start with a Hook:

Begin your presentation with an engaging story, question, or interesting fact to capture the students' attention right away.



Keep It Interactive:

Encourage participation throughout your presentation to keep students engaged and interested in the topic. Consider bringing equipment or tools of the trade to demonstrate.



Relate to Real Life:

Connect your topic to realworld situations and examples that students can relate to. Show them how it applies to their lives.



Share Your Experiences:

Share your personal journey and experiences related to your field of expertise to inspire students and to make the topic more relatable.



Be Enthusiastic:

Show your passion for your field of study and the importance of lifelong learning. Enthusiasm is contagious and can inspire students!



Use Visuals:

Incorporate visual aids like slides, props, or photos of interesting field work to help illustrate your points and make the content more engaging.



Team Up with the Teacher:

Share your plans with the classroom teacher before your visit and welcome their input, as they know the students and their interests best.