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Effective Use of PowerPoint In the Classroom

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Otherwise Known as...


How *NOT* to do death by PowerPoint



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Can You See This?


Some font faces might be hard to read

Small sized fonts may be hard to read. Plus a lot of text together is difficult to read. Keep in mind how far away your audience will be from the screen.

Some colors won't give you enough contrast, even if the text is large, it is still harder to see than this:


Sans-Serif font face dark text against a light background.

Some think the dark background and light text is preferable



Keep it Simple


- 7 x 7 rule (7 words, 7 lines)
- Solid Backgrounds
- Plenty of contrast between text and background



What is the Right Font Size?

- Large enough font size is:
 - 1" letter is readable from 10 ft.
 - 2" letter from 20 ft.
 - 3" letter from 30 ft.

Assume 72 point fonts are 1" high



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- Stay larger than 32 font
- Small font websites hard to see
- Use contrasting font and background
- The edges may be cut off
- Allow room for your image

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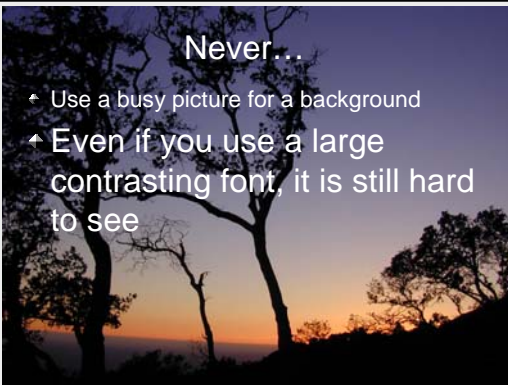
- Never
- Use a busy picture for a background



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Never...

- ← Use a busy picture for a background
- ← Even if you use a large contrasting font, it is still hard to see



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Engage Students in Learning

Create opportunities for interaction...

How do you engage students?

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Think-Pair-Share

- What do you know about PowerPoint?
- Turn to a partner, introduce yourself and share your knowledge
- Share one thing you learned/have in common from/with your partner about PowerPoint

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Focused Listing

- List as many characteristics of a "good" class as you can.



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Note Check

If you see students asking each other questions, stop and ask them to:

- Compare your notes on the last topic with a partner, what did you miss?



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Q&A Pairs

- Come up with one question on the current topic. Try to stump your partner.



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Put a Blank Slide in for Questions



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Two Minutes to Lift Off!

- Randomly choose two students.
- Students have two minutes to stand up and summarize the most important points in today's lecture
 - Winner by round of applause



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