TED Talk Assignment for 21W.034

Watch three of the following talks. You might prefer to look at ones that do not cover your own topic.

Search talks at http://www.ted.com/talks or www.youtube.com

Rob Knight: “How Our Microbes Makes Us Who We Are.”

Sandra Aamodt: “Why Dieting Doesn’t Usually Work.”

Siddhartha Mukherjee: “Soon We’ll Cure Diseases with a Cell Not a Pill.”

Sonia Shah: “Three Reasons We Still Haven’t Gotten Rid of Malaria.”

Atul Gawande: “How Do We Heal Medicine?”

Sherry Turkle: “Connected But Alone?”

Michael Specter: “The Danger of Science Denial.”


Sendhil Mullainathan: “Solving Social Problems with a Nudge.”

Issues to consider in your brief responses to three TED talks:

Post written responses by Session 21.

1. Comment on the speaking style and body language of the speaker.
   a. Explain your reasoning

2. Describe in detail at least one slide that you found particularly effective.
   a. Explain your reasoning

3. Comment on the overall impact of slides used by this speaker.
   a. Explain your reasoning

4. Common on number of slides shown during the TED talk—too many, too few, just right?
   a. Explain your reasoning

5. What would you do differently if you were presenting this material?