

## Engaging Teens? It's Not All About Technology...

### Connection

1. Look at the images below of different ways of learning and select the image that is most similar to the current way you are learning.



2. In groups, discuss what you all like and what you all dislike about each of these three ways of learning.

### Communication

3. Mark how strongly you agree with the following descriptions of the ideal way of learning.

The ideal way of learning should...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
...be fun and enjoyable.				
...involve support when needed.				
...not involve homework.				
...include a lot of communication.				
...only use textbooks.				
...be connected to my life.				
...be completely digital.				
...happen in silence.				
...let me choose how to learn.				
...provide a challenge.				
Add your own idea				

4. In pairs, compare your answers. Where you have different opinions, try to convince your partner to see your point of view.

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### Choice

5. You are going to present a proposal for an alternative school. In groups, choose which one of the three processes you would like to use to plan the presentation.

#### Planning Processes

- Interviewing friends and family for innovative ideas about schools
- Researching on the web for innovative ideas about schools
- Brainstorming innovative ideas about schools in your group

### Challenge

6. In your group, choose one of the support options for the presentation task.

Option One	Option Two	Option Three
<p>Carte blanche!</p> <p>You can present your proposal following any structure you choose and in any way you want: with a presentation tool, talking to the camera, singing a song, anything!</p>	<p>A little support helps!</p> <p>Get a document with a set of questions designed to help you with the structure of the proposal. Just use your answers to create your proposal.</p>	<p>Show me how!</p> <p>Get a prepared presentation template with questions for you to answer. Just type in your information and add images.</p>

Work with the members of your group and create your proposal for an alternative school using the support you chose.

7. In your group, present your proposal for an alternative school to the class and answer any questions they may have.