

Echoes from the Empire in 12 episodes

Podcast

Throughout the past year you have „met“ a lot of people in the 11 short stories about the Empire. As we are approaching graduation and in order to revise all the stories (including the main events and issues relating to the Empire) we are going to produce a podcast in 12 episodes.

You are NOT supposed to talk about the story as if it was some piece of literature some teachers decided to torture you with☺ Think of it like a real story and “rewrite” it in your mind as, for example, the account of a psychologist who knows the people and their story but can also look at it from a detached point of view and interpret certain things.

The podcast should be the portrait of the protagonist, so you tell his story and talk about the other people in his life. Don't forget to mention symbolic events but try to work them creatively into your portrait. In your summary you should refer to certain key issues pertaining to the Empire (try to put them in your own words) and you may also mention connections to other stories (reference point: chronology of the collection of short stories).

How to create the podcast

Look at your notes and the power point presentations for every story and write down what you need to include. Then come up with the creative framework and think about how to present your portrait. Do you want to include an interview? Talk to an expert? Once you have decided on the framework, write down your portrait as short as possible. Don't forget linking words and checking vocabulary (including pronunciation) and grammar. Write in an easy style with short sentences because this is about speaking, not about writing! When you have finished you may want to let your teacher have a look to check for mistakes.

How to record it

Go to www.stephanie-woessner.de and log in using the class password. Then go to “audio dropbox” and click on the dropbox for the project. You have a maximum of 15 minutes to record your episode but try to stay within the limit of 8 to 10 minutes.

List of topics

1. The Empire
2. Outpost of Progress
3. Force of Circumstance
4. Shooting an Elephant
5. Second Hut
6. Dead Men's Path
7. A horse and two goats
8. Meeting in the Dark
9. Black Madonna
10. Good Advice is Rarer than Rubies
11. Pair of Jeans
12. My son the fanatic

PS: Is anybody able to create a jingle for our radio show including an introduction and a conclusion to each episode?