Teaching with Tech Pilot Mini-Podcast

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Welcome to the pilot episode of "Teaching with Tech", recorded at the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library. I'm your host, Aidan Kaplan, and today I want to talk about using podcasting as a creative assignment.

So why would you want your students to make a podcast? What's wrong with a good old-fashioned essay? For me there are three main reasons to assign a podcast.

First of all, audio is sometimes a more effective medium than writing for presenting a particular topic. Music, poetry, and political speeches come to mind. But you'd be surprised how other topics can benefit from audio too.

Asking students to make a podcast also encourages them to write for a general audience. To make an engaging podcast, they'll have to avoid academic jargon, and focus on making their topic accessible.

Finally, students love any chance to be creative. Podcasting lets them think outside the box and have fun while doing their homework.

Well, I think it's time to sign off. Thanks for listening to "Teaching with Tech".

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