

“What is 21st Century Education?”
Video Transcript

This is the 21st century.

The number of people learning English in China nearly equals the US population.

By 2025, the most populous nation on Earth will be INDIA.

In the next 2 years, 1 in 4 of the world's workers will be Indian.

These are exponential times.

In the past 5 years the digital universe has grown by 1,000%; 46% of teachers say their homework requires technology; 94% of students say they use technology to do homework.

Google handles 1 billion queries every single day.

(Or about 115,740 in the time it took you to read this).

Today, there are more than 450,000 words in the English language.

That's 7 times what Shakespeare could have used.

Many of the top jobs in 2012 didn't exist in 2002.

Social media strategist, User experience specialist, Telework manager, Elder care coordinator, Sustainability manager.

Many of the jobs students will have don't even exist yet.

And they'll use technologies that haven't been invented to find solutions for problems that haven't emerged.

The world keeps changing.

This isn't your classroom.

You aren't this teacher.

Today, teachers must be innovators, mentors, entrepreneurs, motivators, illuminators, catalysts.

Because preparing students for the 21st century isn't just about technology or skills for the global economy.

21st century education is about creativity, cultural awareness, problem solving, innovation, civic engagement, communication, productivity, collaboration, accountability, exploration, initiative, responsibility, leadership and making your classroom as dynamic as the world around us.