

JUNE 2018: Top 10 Picks

Videos for Social Learning

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The year is only half over and already there are so many great videos to recommend! Some have been out for a while, so I am glad to finally get them onto a “Top Picks” list. As always, please preview **CAREFULLY** to make sure they are a good fit for your particular students. Remember, many of these provide fabulous material to use when working on narrative. These are in no particular order. Enjoy!

Bridge by Ting Chian Tey

Crossing narrow bridges can be challenging, especially if you are on the larger side. A good example of how not being flexible with a plan can bring on strong feelings. A somewhat unexpected ending makes it great to ask students to make predictions!

Catch It by ESMA 2015

Great example of righteous indignation as those poor meerkats struggle to get back the tasty fruit the vulture has taken. Working together raises the chances of success, but look out, not every tale has a happy ending. Great animation, great feelings, great story.

Scavenger hunt.mpg

In the middle of the night you would think it's easy to cross a highway to get to a dumpster. Not so for this raccoon, but does he give up? No way! Terrific to jumpstart conversations about resilience and staying regulated to solve problems. Great lead-in to asking students to remember a time when they didn't give up.

Shell Game by Yishen Li - CGI 3D Animated Short

Who doesn't like a video that features underwater porta potties? And gives a terrific example of the feeling “embarrassed.” Aren't you intrigued already?

Broken Wand by Anne Yang & Michael Altman-Disney Favorite

One of my most recent finds! This is a great example of “digital detox” using a sweet story that will appeal to older elementary and even middle school students. Show it, and then start a conversation about relationships over screens.

Piper (2016) Short Film - Disney Pixar

This short won the Oscar for Best Animated Short Film. Fabulous, sweet story that we can use in so many ways! Use it to demonstrate resilience, talk about anxiety and lead conversations about how we can learn from others.

Animal Instincts by GooRoo Animation

This has been around for a while but it's still great for the right audience (preview carefully). Revenge, "red zone" (Kuypers, 2011), shaping up when authority figures come by, and not being able to let things go. It's all here as two farm animals demonstrate that eating someone else's daisy can have dire consequences.

Baby chimp doesn't want to share his toy

I love using good animal communication videos, especially with students who are science lovers. They often appreciate social and relationship information via animal studies, and then enjoy making connections to us humans. Give them some data to collect/analyze and they are happy campers!

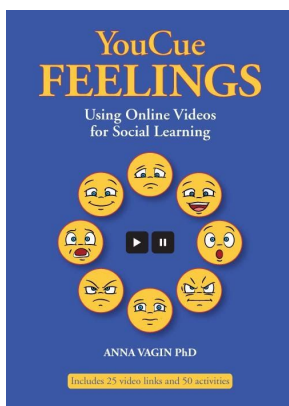
How to speak chimpanzee/Extraordinary Animals/Series 2/Earth/BBC Earth

Another one for those scientists in your caseload. Watch it, and then get your students observing each other to see how similar we are in our social behavior and expression of emotions.

Email in real life – Tripp and Tyler

For older students. Conversations about dealing with the complexities of young adulthood and electronic communication can be made more fun with these examples. We can all relate to these experiences. But be prepared, some of our students won't get why these examples are so funny, so that's a great place to start!

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