
SEC10 Educational Talk, Self-Assessment
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Q: Elaborate on two (2) or more things you witnessed in others' presentations you thought were effective in their presentations and you would like to incorporate into or improve in your own talks/talk style.

1. In several of the other talks, I noticed there was an element of suspense of sorts, where something that was setup in the start of the talk was eventually revealed at the end. This is a good strategy to keep people engaged until the end to get their payoff, and I would like to incorporate this into my own talks.
2. I noticed that some of the talks connected the topic to something more personal for the speaker, which made the talk more engaging. It helped make me as an audience member care about the topic of the talk when I wouldn't have otherwise. This isn't really something I usually strive for when teaching in a chalk talk scenario, because typically the people in that scenario are trying to learn something specific and therefore already care (think of TAing a class or tutoring). However, I think it would be a good the setting for this talk was more like a lecture, where the audience might not be as engaged as they would be in a smaller setting, and therefore this strategy would be more effective and helpful.