

The Forest School

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### **A brief checklist for designing Socratic launches:**

- My launch includes complex A/B Socratic questions or complex A/B/C Socratic questions with no clear right or wrong answer.
- I speak for max 3-4 minutes and heroes speak for the other 10-12
- I almost always start with an inspiring story that hooks the learners
- My launch is absent of declarations and yes/no questions
- My launch begins with something that immediately “hooks” the audience.  
Remember—Socratic launches at The Forest School are THE experience that is most meant to inspire the heroes. Every. Time.
- My launch touches on one of the following topics: an inspiring Hero, civilization, science, a Quest, a character trait or competency on our graduate profile, a theory or framework, Storytelling challenge, data from the Studio, an event, team or community building, a system or process, or a signature learning experience.

### **Socratic Question Examples:**

- Do you help yourself or others first?
- How many times should you keep reinventing if you’re using other people’s money? How many times is failure required for greatness? When do you stop vs keep going?
- What’s the purpose of school—Is it for your good? For private industry? Or for the good of society?
- What drives people’s pursuit of land the most—survival, independence, power, or profit?
- What role should the government play in regulating the economy? Do more regulations make for a more stable economy? Or does less regulation inspire more innovation and investment?