For those of you who were able to come to our meeting today, thank you, and thanks to all for being willing to participate in this new senior program.

A couple of things to think about:

As I mentioned today, it might be good for you to try to send me your brainstorming lists over the weekend, letting me know some possible titles for your talks.

You also should reach out to another mentor teacher and/or another fellow LanceTalk presenter (either teacher or student) to “buddy up” and share your ideas with each other and to rehearse your talks to each other.

Read stuff! Create a small source file of interesting quotes, photos, statistics, vid clips, etc.

Watch some TED Talks. Steal their approaches, formatting, etc. Don’t steal their ideas (but reference them, if you like, in your own talk.)

Here are some of the sentence stems that might help you with titles:

My journey as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ matters

5 myths about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How to solve/achieve/conquer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, better life

Go ahead, start \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ing!

The surprising truth about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Everything you thought about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is wrong

The power of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The danger of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tells us about ourselves

The history of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 15 minutes

How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will save us/destroy us

Why do/don’t we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Feel free to use them as a starting point, or come up with your own.

I’ve also attached some Ted talk tips above, and here’s some videos

http://www.ted.com/talks/nancy\_duarte\_the\_secret\_structure\_of\_great\_talks

http://www.inc.com/magazine/201310/burt-helm/how-to-give-a-great-ted-talk.html

http://www.ted.com/playlists/215/the\_most\_popular\_talks\_of\_2014