

TED Lesson: Are we living in a simulation?

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Warm - up:

1. What is simulation? Have you ever played a simulation game or had simulation training?

2. Have you ever watched "Matrix"?

Vocabulary:

Vast Glitches

Evolved Accumulate

Proliferating Finite

Arbitrary Naked eye
Simulation Natural laws
Compelling Calculations
Hypothesizing Constraints

Comprehension:

- 1. Who could have set in place a detailed simulation we are living in?
- 2. Who is the philosopher who made a compelling argument that we are likely living in a simulation?
- 3. How are the scientists trying to test if we are living in a simulation?
- 4. What are the problems with those tests?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do you think we are living in a simulation?
- 2. If you realized we are living in a simulation, would you change the way you live?
- 3. What do you think is the meaning of life?
- 4. Do you enjoy sci-fi movies and books?
- 5. What do you think the world will be like in 100 years? 1000 years?