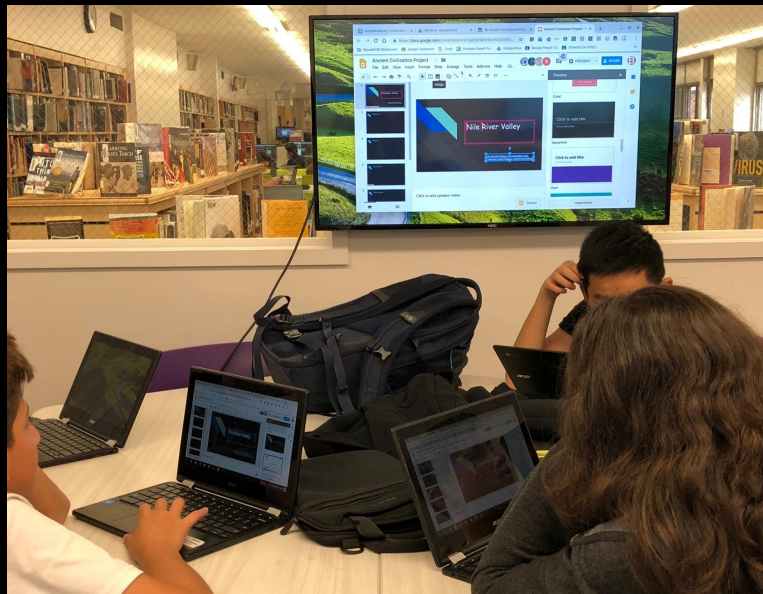


# Amplifying the Learning at Syosset High School



## High School 1:1 Chromebook Initiative

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# Syosset CSD's Technology Why Statement

*We believe that through education, we can ignite curiosity that fuels **motivation, innovation, collaboration, and problem-solving skills** using technology as a pivotal tool to maximize **student contributions** in an **ever-changing world.***

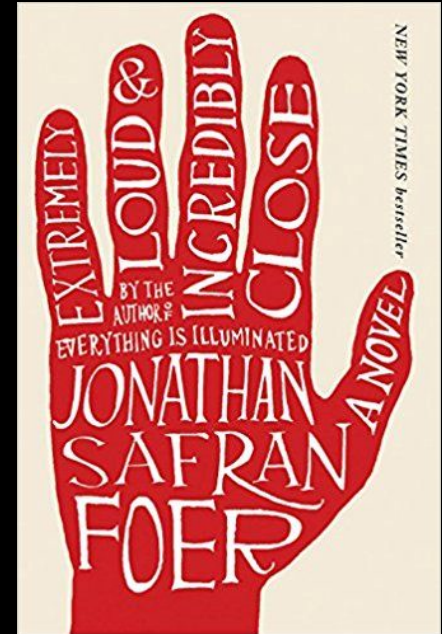
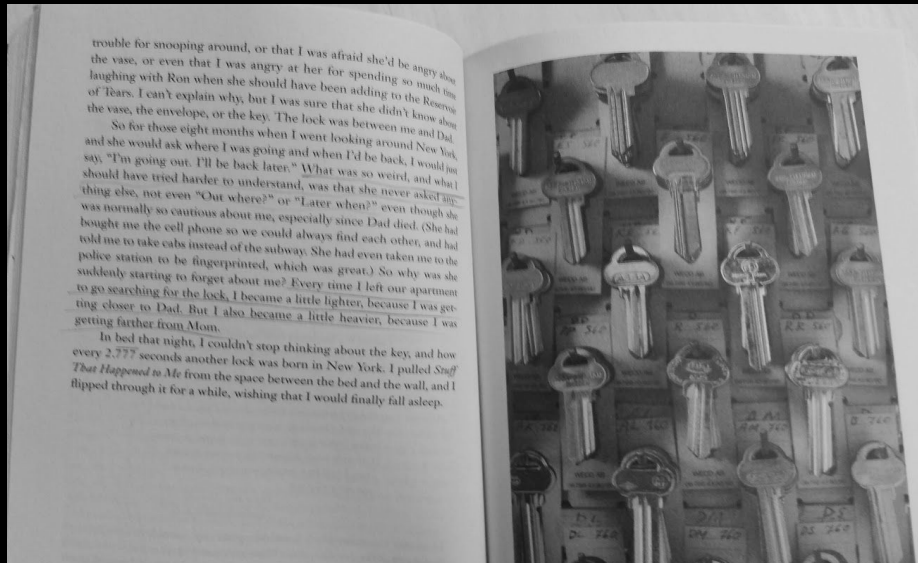
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# MOTIVATION

- Writing, and publishing, a piece of personal writing
- Students determine the pace
- Scaffolding of instruction, at the student's initiative: teacher, peers, self, facilitated by Chromebooks



# INNOVATION

- **This project isn't possible with pen and paper**
- **Students can react authentically and originally to professional published writing**
- **The playing field is leveled through the use of technology**
- **Assignment reacts to student learning, is nimble due to Chromebooks**

# COLLABORATION

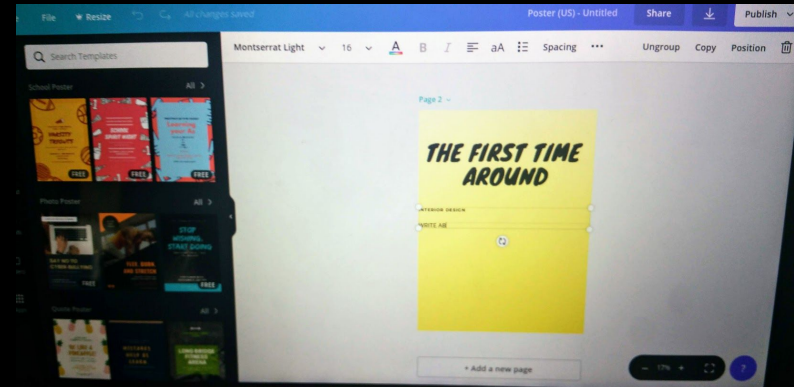
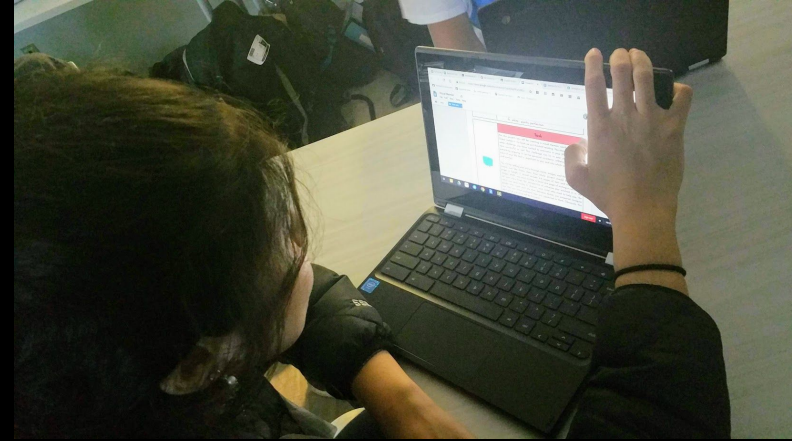
- We play with ideas together
- Students easily move through the drafting and editing process, teaching each other about the content AND the technology
- Students easily sort selves into learning groups as they progress through the assignment





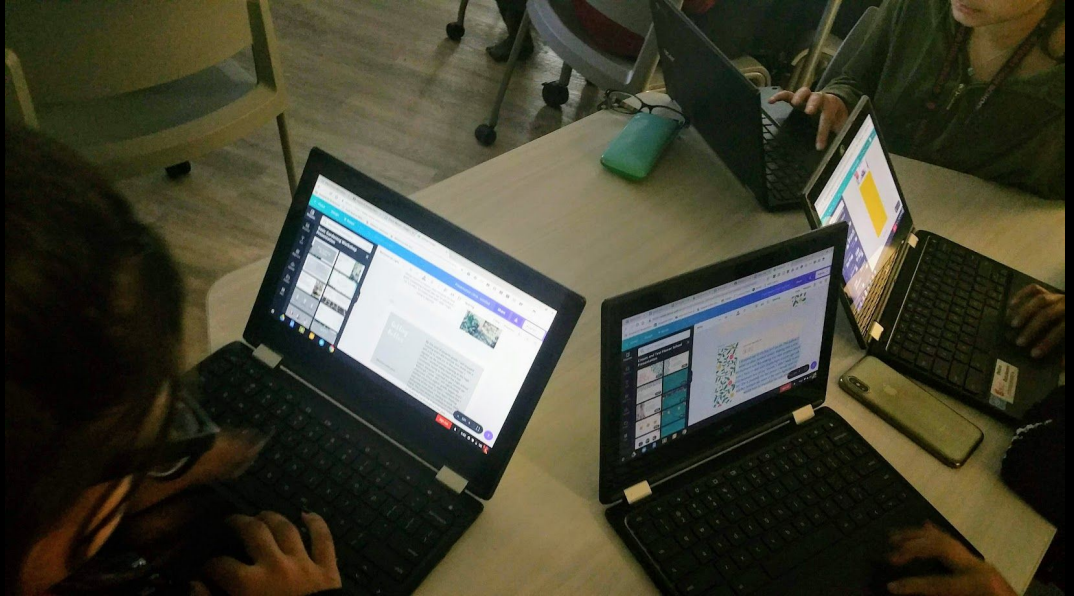
# PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

- The content teacher is NOT the expert- they don't have to wait for me!
- Students easily share new discoveries, and influence the nature of the assignment
- Chromebooks allow students multiple points of entry into the task- they can start with the pictures, with the layout, with the written draft
- Always able to refer back to the hyperdoc

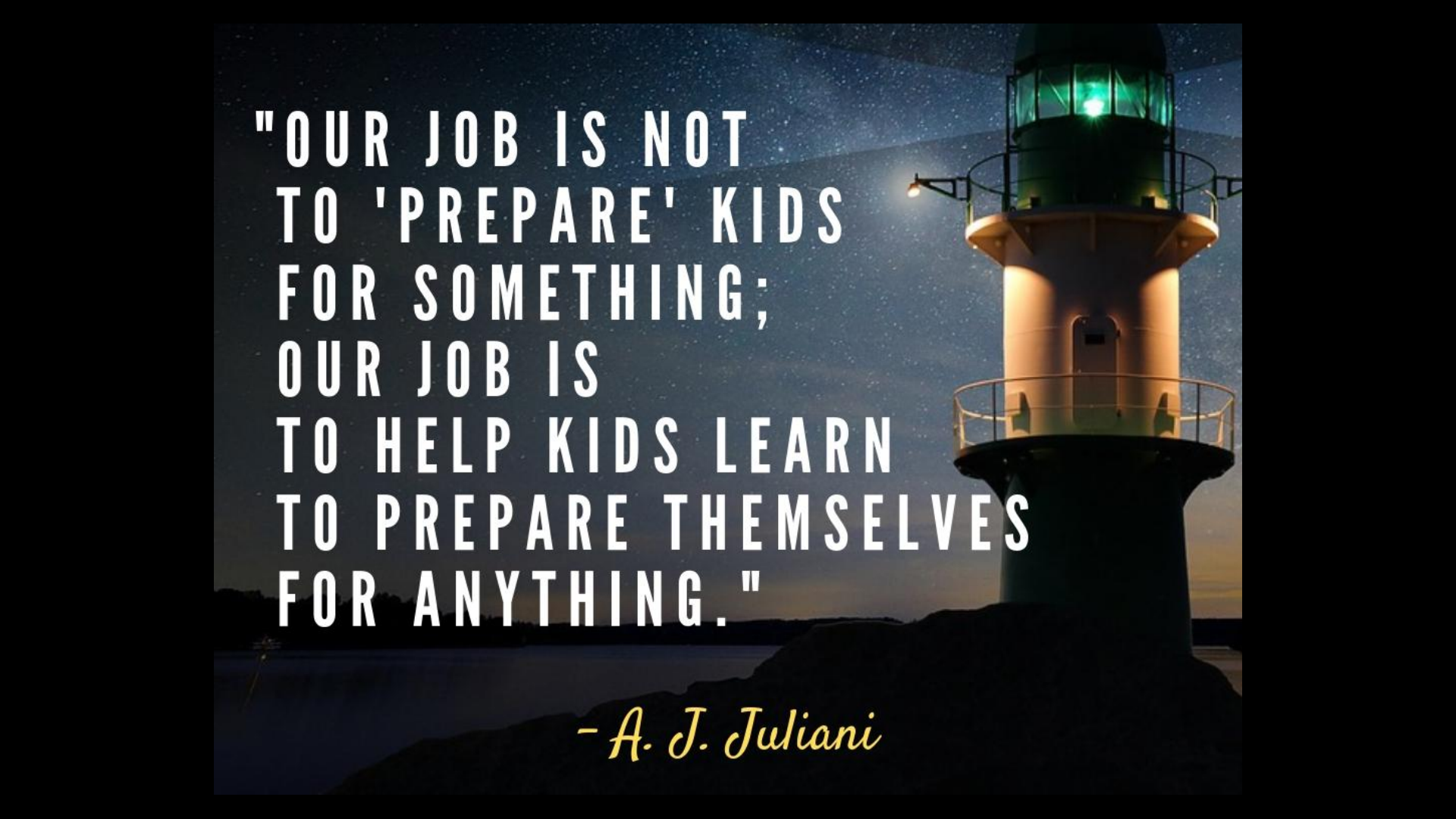


# WHAT DO THEY NEED TO LEARN FROM US?

- What do I want to write about?
- How do I want to say it?
- What is the best way to communicate it, and what tools do I have to do so?





A lighthouse with a glowing green light stands on a dark, rocky shore at night. The sky is filled with stars, and the water is dark and calm. The lighthouse has a white body and a dark top section with a green light. A small balcony with a railing is visible on the lighthouse.

"OUR JOB IS NOT  
TO 'PREPARE' KIDS  
FOR SOMETHING;  
OUR JOB IS  
TO HELP KIDS LEARN  
TO PREPARE THEMSELVES  
FOR ANYTHING."

*- A. J. Juliani*