
“Beyond a Single Story”

— How to organize a Book Day
Conference in your school
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SAINT EDWARD'S
SCHOOL

Who are we?

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Head Librarian
Middle School and Upper School Library
RWT teacher -7th grade
- Lori Van Roekel
Library Assistant
Middle School and Upper School Library
Lower School Receptionist

Facts about Saint Edward's School:

- Private PK - 12 grades school located on the Treasure Coast
- Enrolled 596 students
- Faculty/student ratio: 1:13
- 25 international students
- Episcopalian tradition; students from different faiths and ethnic backgrounds
- 100% college placement

Purpose: empathy

Civil discourse

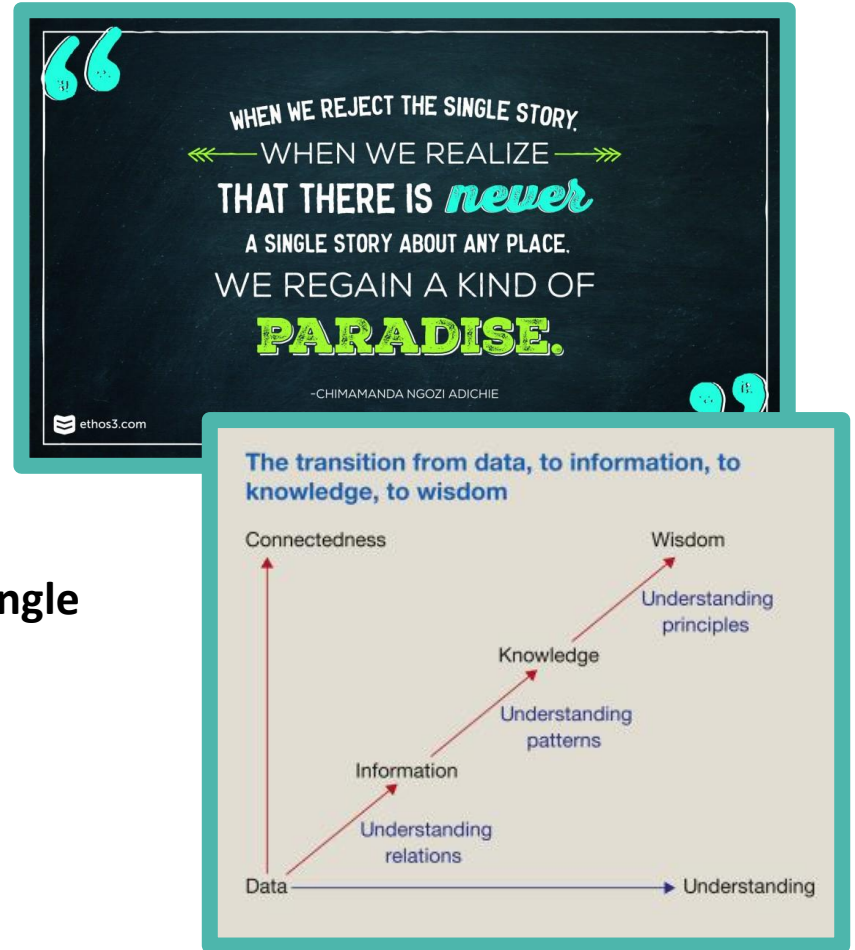
Inspiration:

Horace Mann School, NY

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie “Danger of a Single Story”

Format:

Students (grades 9-12) and faculty all day conference



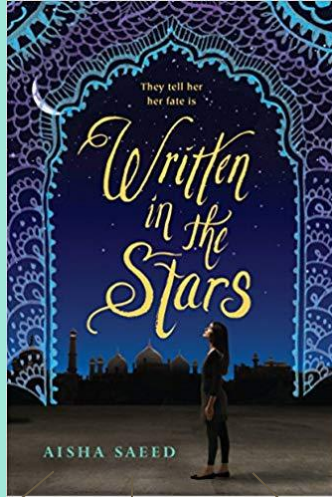


1. Process

- **Choosing a central text and author; choosing a theme**
- **Building workshops/presentations/activities around the theme**
- **Putting it all together**

**Keynote
speaker:**
Aisha Saeed

Theme:
**Beyond a
Single
Story**



Immigration
Migration

Perceptions
Stereotypes

Identity

Islam

Arranged
marriage vs
forced marriage

Clash of
cultures

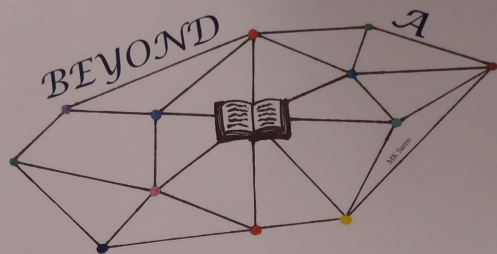
Tip:

*collection of ideas in a
sharble format (Google
doc)https://docs.google.com/a/steds.org/document/?authuser=0&usp=docs_web

.choosing a book
appropriate for your
community

Activities leading toward the event:

- Reaching out to faculty and community members to lead workshops
- Accommodations for speakers
- Homeroom activity
- Rules of Engagement for the event
- Art classes: portrait
- Informing student body and parents
- Sign up and scheduling (algorithm created by a student)
- Supplies for activities and printing programs and posters



SINGLE STORY

April 4, 2018

Opening Ceremony: 8:05am – 9:10am

Address: Mr. Mike Mersky

Invocation: Father Tommy Matthews

Welcome: Niki Afshar

Saint Edward's School Choir

Selected Readings

Keynote Speaker Introduction: Cameron Pugh

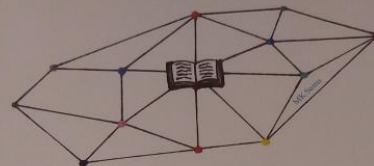
Keynote Speaker: Aisha Saeed, featured author

Break:	9:10am – 9:25am
Session 1:	9:25am – 10:20am
Session 2:	10:25am – 11:20am
Session 3:	11:25am – 12:20pm
Lunch:	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Session 4:	1:35pm – 3:00pm
	"Daddy", by Sonia DuPree
	The Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts
Closing Ceremony:	3:00pm – 3:20pm

Musical selections with David Israel and Lucy Kleinschmidt

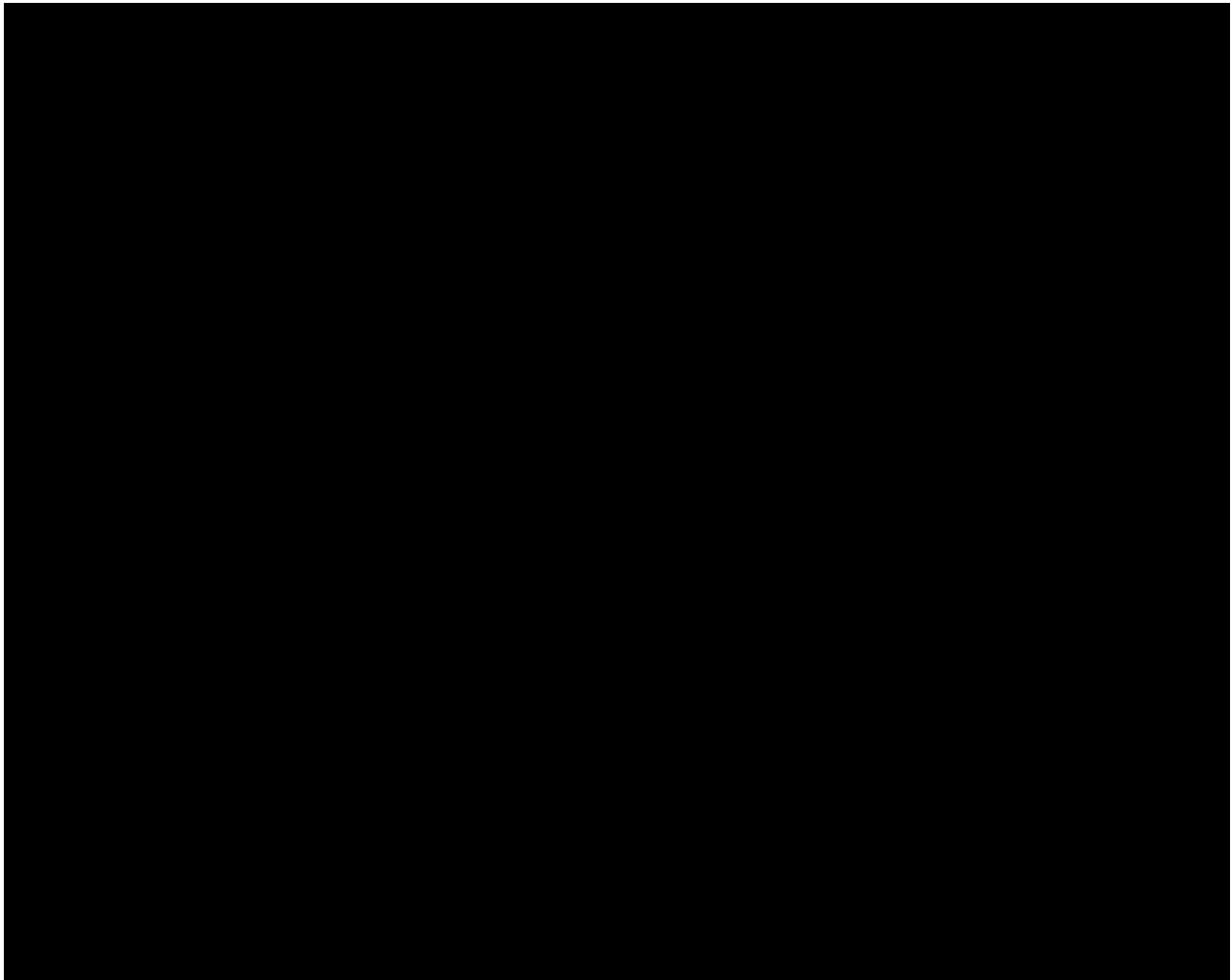
Closing remarks by Niki Afshar

Benediction, Father Tommy Matthews

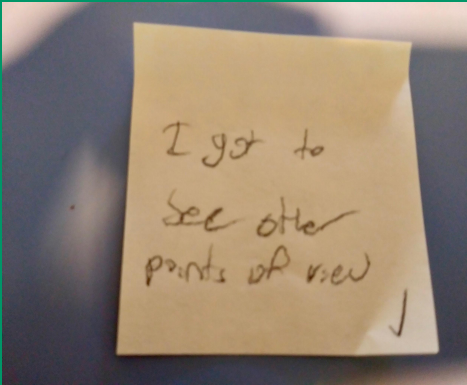


SESSION OPTIONS

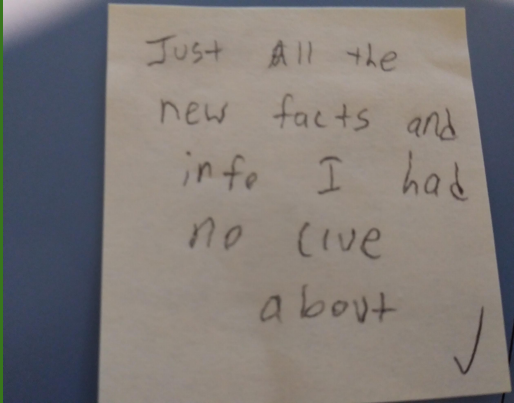
"What is Intelligence?" Room #FA113	"Who are We?" Room #606
"Immigrants, Migrants, and Dreamers" Room #632	"Forced Marriage ~ Misconceptions & Realities" US Library ~ Quiet Room
"Teen Suicide" Room #608	"Facing Facades" Room #615
"Generation Z: Beyond a Single YouTube Story" Room #FA 109	"Vero Beach ~ Fiction & Reality" Room #614
"Human Variation: How Different Are We?" Room #604	"Youth in the Criminal Justice System" Room #616
"Let's Talk about Race" Room #623	"Gender Identity & Teens" Room #612
"Afghan Interpreter ~ American Hero" US Library ~ Collaborative Space	



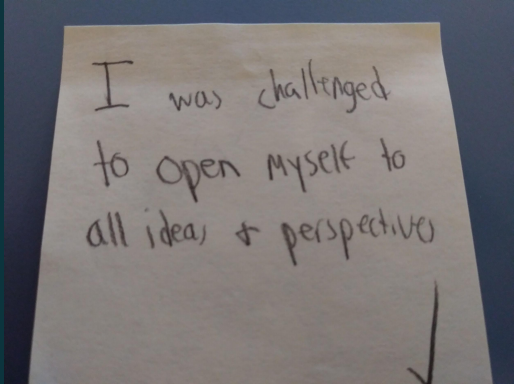
What people were saying



I got to
see other
points of view ✓



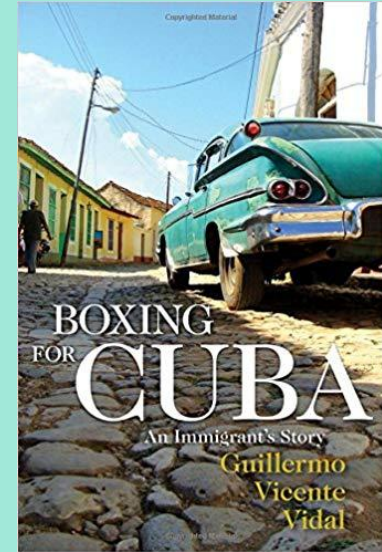
Just All the
new facts and
info I had
no clue
about ✓

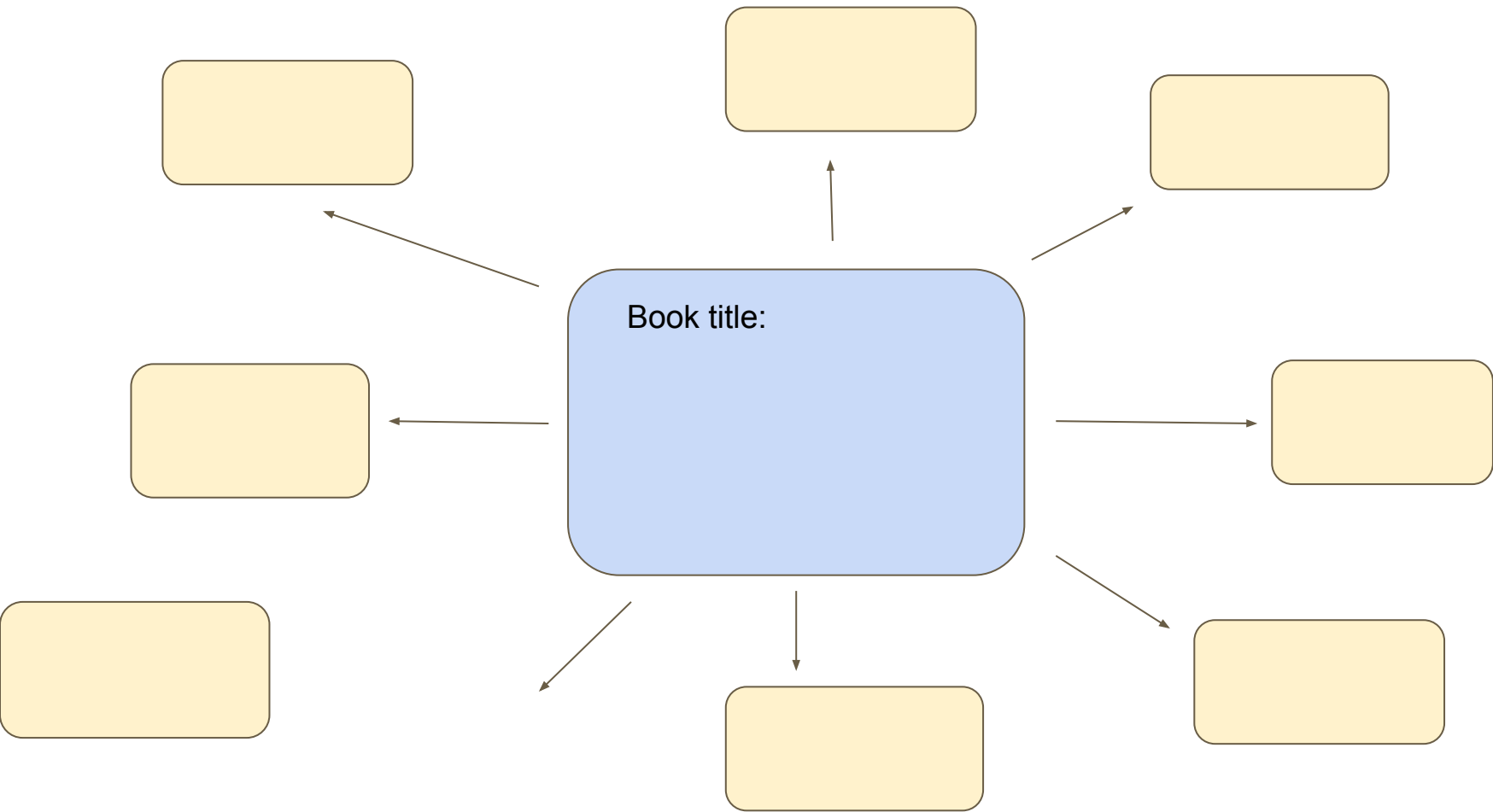


I was challenged
to open myself to
all ideas + perspectives ✓

Post Conference:

- Survey: collecting feedback
- Forming a planning committee
- Choosing a theme, a book and an author for the next year





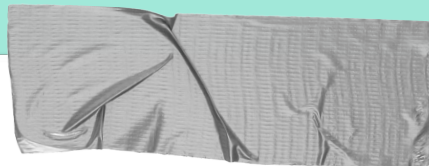
Resources to consider:

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

<http://commonreads.com/2017/06/08/celebrating-book-day-horace-mann-reads-coates-world/>

Schedule Genius

Stories of Identity



Good luck!

We hope you'll use these tips to go out and deliver a memorable pitch for your event!

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