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Tiffany Poirier (a.k.a. the “Inquiry Ninja”) is a national award-winning educator, author, speaker, and mom of three boys who believes children’s curiosity can change the world.

After experiencing a tragedy at age five, Tiffany hitchhiked on her existential wonder to find deeper meaning in a dream career: empowering young philosophers to find their own answers to life’s big questions. While working as a teacher throughout the K-12 public education system, Tiffany developed new strategies for facilitating inquiry dialogue with children in safe and productive ways. Tiffany contributed new ideas to invigorate teaching pedagogy through her TEDx talk, “The Power to Question”; an illustrated children’s book, *Q is for Question: An ABC of Philosophy*; and her CBC radio features, Youtube channel, articles, and online courses.

Now as a speaker and workshop presenter, Tiffany inspires educators across the country by sharing the zany tools from her “Question Toolbox” and demonstrating how to teach advanced inquiry skills in fun, creative, and hands-on ways. Her innovative work has garnered Tiffany press coverage and numerous accolades, including the prestigious *Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence*.

Tiffany works as a vice principal and grade 4/5 teacher in the *Greater Victoria School District*. Learn more at InquiryNinja.com

KEYNOTE DESCRIPTION:

Way of the Inquiry Ninja

What does it take to become an “Inquiry Ninja” in the classroom? How can educators help young people in K-12 learn to question more deeply and do in-depth inquiry projects with greater independence? How can teachers internalize the practice of *facilitation* to empower learners to make their own discoveries? In this practical session, Tiffany Poirier brings inquiry-based learning to life using the “4 Vehicles” analogy and lots of examples, stories, and project ideas. Audience members also get exclusive access to takeaway gifts, including Tiffany’s bonus training videos and the new *Inquiry Ninja Guidebook*, a fun and ready-to-use resource.

Watch a video description of this session at <https://inquiryninja.com/keynotes/way-of-the-inquiry-ninja/>



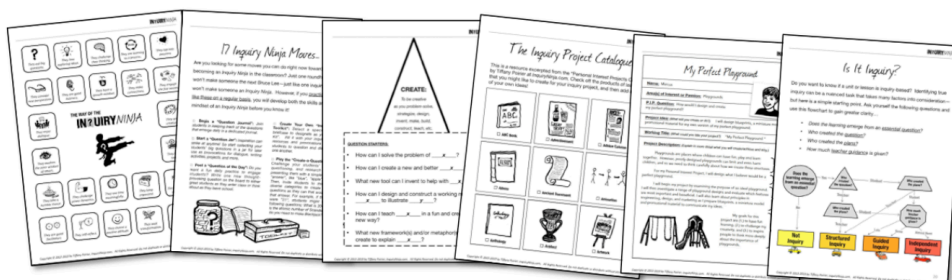
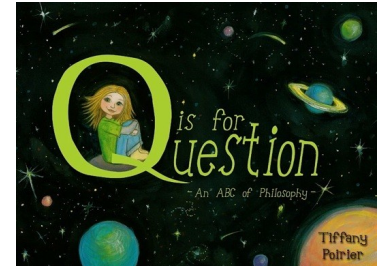
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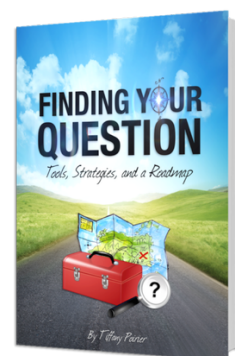
BONUS: The Inquiry Ninja Guidebook—it’s 80+ pages of valuable inquiry resources you can use with students immediately!



KEYNOTE DESCRIPTION:

The Question Toolbox

What are the secrets of effective questioning? How can we empower learners to question more deeply, discover their gifts, and achieve success? In this practical session, Tiffany Poirier brings out the zany tools from her “Question Toolbox” as she demonstrates how to teach questioning skills in a fun, creative, and tangible way. She shares colourful strategies and examples of how to help students craft powerful questions, engage in meaningful dialogue, and learn through transformative peer-to-peer coaching sessions. Introducing her “Big Question Roadmap”, Tiffany reveals a formula for how we all can create our own big questions to kick start personal inquiries with clarity, focus, and passion. As a bonus, each audience member gets a free takeaway gift of Tiffany’s eBook, *Finding Your Question: Tools, Strategies, and Roadmap*. Learn more about this session at <https://questiontoolbox.com>



KEYNOTE DESCRIPTION:

10 Tips for Richer Dialogue

In this session, we explore fun and surprising strategies to inspire more meaningful and productive dialogue in any classroom, kindergarten through grade 12. We will introduce the “Community of Inquiry” practice (P4C model) and how it can be used to promote engagement and deepen students’ learning in a variety of curricular areas. Join us around the “campfire” and bring your own questions, ideas, and experiences as we work together to creatively troubleshoot the top challenges educators face when facilitating dialogue with learners of all ages.

See more at <https://inquiry ninja.com/keynotes/10-tipsfor-richer-classroom-dialogue/>



“Tiffany has created a simplified approach to inquiry/project-based learning. I am a tech coach with the Upper Grand District School Board, and one of the things that holds teachers back on a regular basis is their fear to proceed without a template. Tiffany has created a guide that will take the anxiety out of inquiry.” – Jamie Cox

“Engaging presenter and presentation helped me further along my journey to provide an environment for students to feel safe and passionate about asking questions and exploring answers. In addition to the motivating usable information, the presentation was visually beautiful! Much appreciated!”

– Wendy Soto

“I can just sit and listen to you all day! I am so motivated and excited about powerful questions and great dialogue with my students. Thank you so much.”

– Lee-Anne Sewell

“[I liked]...her engaging presentation style as well as the valuable message, which is easy to take away and apply in classrooms right away. Appreciated that [Tiffany is] making the ebook available to attendees. Thank you! Also appreciate that her ideas are ready to apply to classrooms immediately. Sometimes I go to workshops or presentations and leave with great ideas, but no idea how I can implement them. That was not the case this time.”

– Jenny Brooks

“Your presentation was exceptional. I really appreciated the videos and samples of student inquiry projects. You're a very passionate and articulate presenter, easy to follow and inspiring to listen to. Your resources are a prize.” – Deanna l'Ecuyer

“I loved how well your presentation flowed, well spoken, and how you connected your story within the presentation. Loved the examples of questions to the everyday tools/items we can find around the house and how we can connect it to the different forms of questions.” – Bill Corcoran