

# PowerPoint

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A photograph of a group of people, likely a military or police unit, sitting in an audience. They are wearing dark uniforms. Many of them have their heads tilted back, eyes closed, or are resting their heads on their hands, suggesting they are bored or asleep. The background shows a dark setting, possibly a theater or lecture hall.

Death by PowerPoint!

*...how to avoid it*

# PowerPoint

- What is it good for?
- Three research-based suggestions
- Tech stuff & alternate uses

# What is PPT good for?

## Pros

Visual aid

## Cons

Can encourage passiveness

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Visual aid

Multimedia

Organization for you

Organization for audience

Portable

## Cons

Can encourage passiveness

Controls presenter

Linear

Tech headaches

Dense & boring

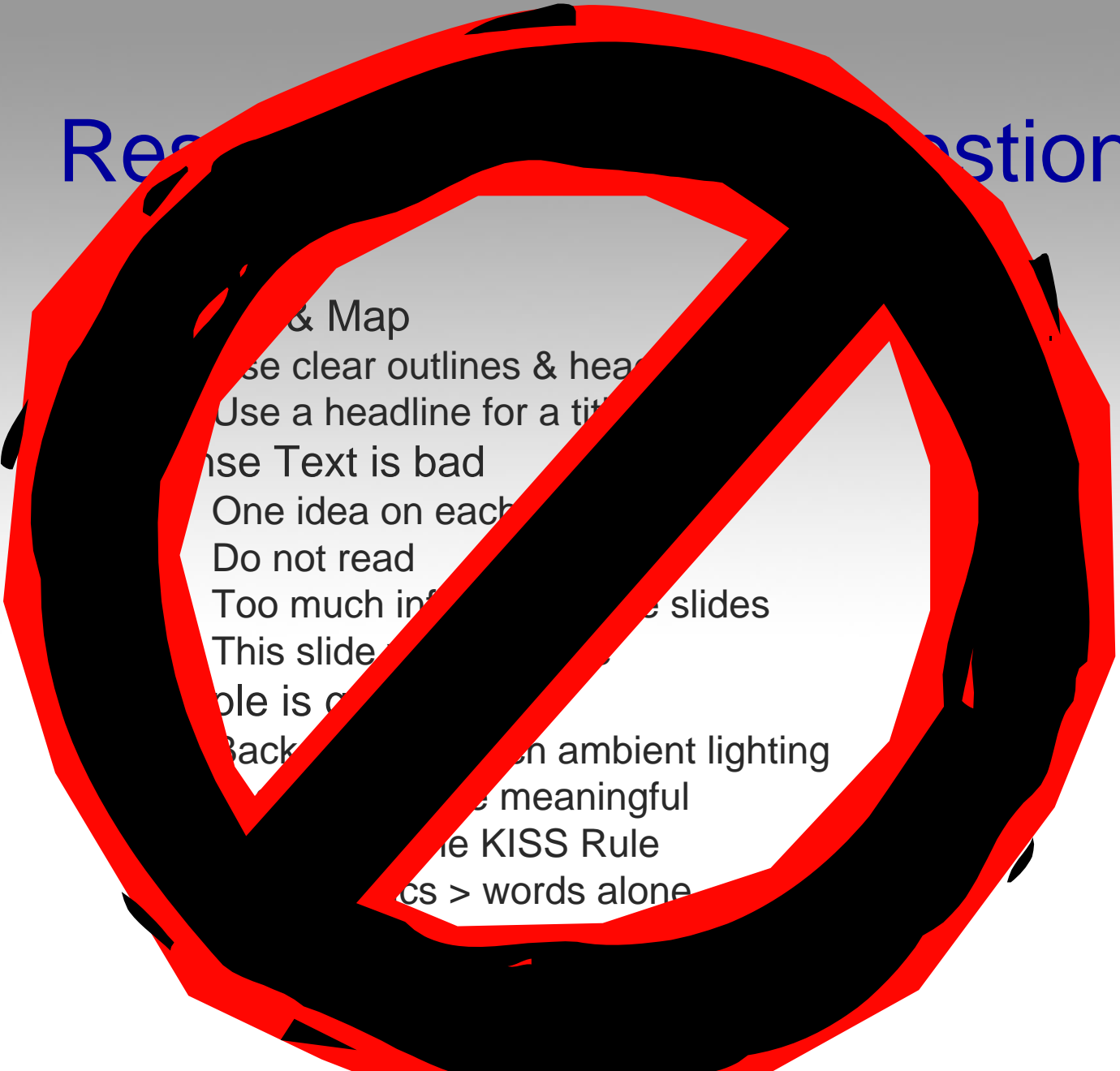
# 1. Active background knowledge

- Outlines & headings
- Map

## 2. Dense text is bad

- One idea
- Do not read!

# Recommendations



- & Map
- Use clear outlines & headings
- Use a headline for a title
- Use Text is bad
- One idea on each slide
- Do not read
- Too much information on slides
- This slide
- ole is c
- Back on ambient lighting
- meaningful
- the KISS Rule
- cs > words alone

# Earthquake in Hawaii

- 7:04 in morning
- Building was swaying
- Hawaiians were pretty freaked
- Conference not well attended



More pictures\*

Less text onscreen

## 3. Simple is good

- Background: match ambient lighting
- Images must be meaningful
- Remember the KISS Rule

# Technology

- Movement back and forward
- Pointer options
- Help for shortcuts

# Alternate Uses

- Individual activities
  - [Geography of Africa](#)
  - [Periodic Table](#)
- Games
  - [Jeopardy Template](#)
- Digital storytelling

**Questions?**

# Links

[http://members.shaw.ca/dbreear/Digital\\_Storytelling%231E1B7E.pdf](http://members.shaw.ca/dbreear/Digital_Storytelling%231E1B7E.pdf)

<http://www.jmu.edu/madison/teacher/jeopardy/jeopardy.htm>

<http://www.pttinc.com/ppgame.htm>

<http://teach.fcps.net/trt10/PowerPoint.htm>

<http://www.esu5.org/techteacher/powerpoint.htm>



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