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Inside the Egyptian Revolution  
TED Lectures

Note-taking Activity

**Directions:** First listen to the lecture and take notes. Then using your notes, you will answer the following questions.

1. What does the speaker imply by labelling the revolution – Revolution 2.0?
2. What analogy does the speaker use to illustrate his view of the revolution?
3. What did the speaker see as the “achievements” of the Egyptian dictatorship?
4. Why were the majority of Egyptians silent about the poor quality of living?
5. Who benefits from the psychological barrier of fear?
6. How did the internet change things?
7. How did the murder of Khaled Said change things?
8. Where was the first united demonstration?
9. How long was the speaker put in jail?
10. How did he feel the fear had changed people when he was released?

Answer Key  
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1. There were no specific heroes – everyone contributed something.
2. Wikipedia. How a simple idea turned into the world's largest encyclopedia.
3. Poverty, corruption, censorship – lack of freedom of speech and political activism.
4. The psychological barrier of fear.
5. The dictator.
6. It united people together through social media.
7. It gave people the courage to have a voice against the regime.
8. Alexandria. The silent stand – where thousands of people dressed in black stood facing the sea.
9. 12 days.
10. It empowered them.