

- **General discussion, conclusions**

Background preparation:

(none)

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- What 'myths' did you change your mind about while taking this class?

2. Go forth and bust some myths

- What myths do you think are problematic if they are widely believed?

- What are some ways we can help bust these myths when we encounter them?

3. More about language

- Some TED(x) talks that relate to our topics
 - [John Baugh](#) on linguistic profiling
 - [Patricia Kuhl](#) on how babies acquire L1
 - [Deb Roy](#) on wiring his whole house as his baby learned language (to study input, context, etc.)
 - [John McWhorter](#) on why texting is really okay
 - [Lera Boroditsky](#) on ways she feels that language influences thought
 - [David Peterson](#) on “why language is humanity’s greatest invention” — including some discussion of constructed languages (High Valyrian!)