

Oral Presentation Assignment

Deliver in-class: May 3

Length: 5 Minutes

Grade Weight: 10%

Present the argument that you made for your final paper to the class. Keep in mind that your fellow students know little about your topic so be sure to explain your issue immediately and thoroughly.

To help your listeners stay focused on your presentation, use transitional words, speak clearly, and make eye contact. Don't read from a prepared speech. Instead, practice your presentation aloud several times before class to be sure that it is smooth and well-timed.

You can select some of the following questions to help you generate ideas for your presentation but do not simply answer them in order. Your presentation should have a logical flow, just as your paper will.

1. What did you argue?
2. What supporting reasons did you use to support your main claim?
3. What assumptions allowed you to arrive at those reasons?
4. What was some of the strongest evidence you found to support your argument?
5. Who was your opposition?
6. What kind of argument did you make (definition, proposal, causal, classical, etc)? Why?
7. What did you think about your topic in the beginning of the semester? How did your research shape the way you think about your topic? Did your research cause you to change your mind?