

Core 1-13
Week 15, Oral presentations

Topic: Analytical Essay #3

You will have exactly 8 minutes to give a *presentation* of your topic. Allow one minute for questions. You are the expert; give us a clear, rehearsed, thoughtful insight into your topic and your stand on it. You may use note cards, overheads, Powerpoint, or handouts from which you present your points. Engage your audience. Make us think, draw connections and come up with questions. Your grade will be determined from my evaluation of your presentation using the attached rubric.

Make sure you allow plenty of time to develop your presentation on the topic. Keep these points in mind:

- Make sure your presentation has an objective. (Give us specifics that we will learn from your presentation and support these throughout the presentation. **What is the question you are examining?**)
- Know your subject. You should know what you're talking about. An audience knows if you're not comfortable with a subject.
- Be clear in your presentation. You won't have time, nor would it be effective, to give a summary of your paper.

For delivery of your presentation, be aware of the following:

- Make frequent eye contact, smile, and LOOK INTERESTED and look happy to give this presentation!
- Use your visual aids effectively.
- Go Slowly. Annunciate your words clearly and please don't mumble. Are you nervous? BREATHE and slow down. Are you suffering from the "um" or "er" or "like, you know what I mean" syndrome? Slow down. Are you talking too fast? Slow down. But sometimes you need to.....
 - Move your speech along. Be aware of the type of sentence structure you use and the amount of information you provide. Be aware of the **tone** and **volume** of your voice. Be expressive.
- **PRACTICE.** Practice gives you confidence. You have a roommate and friends. Bribe them with ice cream to listen to you practice!

Dealing with nervousness: Moderate anxiety is WUNDERBAR! Use this energy—no need to be intimidated by it. It is your body's (somewhat offbeat way) of giving you extra energy to perform well. Your careful preparation will help assuage the uncertainty that contributes to nervous anxiety. You should expect to feel a bit nervous (it means you are taking this assignment as seriously as you should) and this helps you concentrate.