

Student Presentation Tips (how to score an 'A')

Informativeness- How much new stuff are you teaching us? Stay away from simple facts; instead focus on TEACHING us something meaningful. For example:

"cobalt is used in medicine to treat cancerous tumors" ← just a fact; not worth many points

"cobalt is used in medicine to treat cancerous tumors because cobalt-60 releases gamma radiation, which interferes with how cancer cells divide" ← this type of stuff will get you an "A" in this category!

- If you're doing an element presentation, find something which you find interesting to present. Do NOT repeat information we can look up on our periodic tables, such as melting points, electronic configurations, etc. unless you're trying to make a specific point about the element.
- If you're doing a specific packet presentation, focus on the questions you were given. And then go beyond. Remember not to go over 5 minutes.

Creativity- Have fun w/ your presentation. Make it something we will remember. Start by grabbing our attention right away. If you start by saying "*I did my presentation on...*", you get 2 points deducted. If your presentation is lecture-style, you get 12 points deducted. If you decide to do a skit, make sure to carry it through all of your presentation. **Make sure skits are not contrived or artificial.** Our classroom has many items available to add to your presentation, including spot lights (white and colored) microphone, etc... You can bring almost anything.

Smoothness- I strongly recommend practicing your presentation 1st. Come to class with all materials ready to go. Deductions: you will get points deducted from this category if you (or your partner) are still getting things together in class, or if you are reading the entire presentation from the poster or power point. Feel free to set-up stuff before school.

Organization- Organize all your presentation into an outline, including the 3-D components. Print out and bring in the blank score card. Practicing beforehand will greatly help in this category. Remember that the rest of the class is counting on you to teach them this material, so be sure we can all follow & understand what you are teaching.

Power or Google Slide- This is your 2-dimensional visual. Be sure **-all-** text and graphics are readable from the back of the room. For slide-show, use a minimum of a 48-pt font. Google slide shows must be SHARED with ANDERSON prior to class. There should be NO SENTANCES anywhere on your 2-D visual. *In general*, SIMPLE is BETTER for your 2-D visual. Don't use Prezi.

Demo/Model- This is your 3-dimensional visual. It can be a demo, or some prop you bring in. If you find a demo idea you'd like to try, you are welcome to use classroom supplies. I will assist you in developing your demo, but it still needs to be your idea... not mine. Our science dept. has lots of supplies, so just ask! Or, feel free to bring in something of your own. Make sure that the 3-dimensional component is well explained. Make sure you show it to the entire class. Make sure it ties in with the rest of your presentation.

For example, if you're doing a presentation on cobalt, and learn that cobalt is used in blue paint, you can bring in a can of blue paint... but, be sure to explain WHY cobalt is in blue paint, and why you are showing it to us.

Content- You must refer to something which we have learned already in class. If you're doing a specific packet presentation, **you will score a "0"** in this category if you do not refer to some concept we have learned in that packet. So, be absolutely positive you've mentioned what your presentation has to do with the current packet.

Spontaneous Response- self explanatory, see score card.

Due Date: Due dates are non-negotiable. You may trade dates w/ other students.

If sick, parent must call me personally no later than the day of your presentation.

In general: • partners in presentation need to equally share the presentation of information

- I encourage you to run your idea by me, and I will happily give you feedback
- creativity is worth 20% of your grade (that's a lot!)
- you're welcome to drop stuff off early, or set-up things in the room prior to your due date
- presentations that are fun, exciting, and memorable usually score an "A", especially if you teach us new stuff