

GROUP PROJECT

As a member of a group, you will work together to create a presentation that covers one of the following topics:

Art of South and Southeast Asia

Chinese and Korean Art

Japanese Art

Art of the Americas

Art of Ancient Africa

Project Description

The project that you create will be presented to the rest of the class during the final week of class. The length of the presentation should be 30 minutes. The presentation must include images and a PowerPoint presentation. In lieu of a PowerPoint presentation, some other form of digital presentation may be created with permission of the instructor. Images for use in the presentation may be scanned from the textbook or other books, photographed digitally, or imported from appropriate websites. Image quality and legibility of text is important.

The groups will be created in the first week of class. Students will be required to arrange times outside of class to organize and develop their presentations.

It is recommended that each group prepare a script and rehearse their presentation.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the success of each group project:

Content

1. Accuracy and originality of facts and evidence presented (both orally and visually)
2. Adequacy and persuasiveness of presentation relative to topics covered
3. Use of appropriate range and quantity of sources, clear identification of sources

Use of Visual Aids

1. Technical and visual effectiveness of PowerPoint presentation
2. Effective use of other visual aids
3. Clarity of text and images

Organization

1. Orderliness; clear understanding of each person's role and responsibility
2. Purposefulness, clear identification of topics to be addressed
3. Smoothness of flow and logical sequence (no dead spaces or gaps)

Style

1. Engagement and energy (holding audience's attention)
2. Facilitation of discussion (posing of questions to audience or encouraging audience participation)
3. Responsiveness to audience's questions
4. Spontaneity (sparing use of notes)

Mechanics

1. Eye contact with entire audience, facial expressiveness
2. Fluency (complete sentences, with no filled pauses (well, uh, like, you know))
3. Hand and arm gestures, body movement, with no fidgeting
4. Voice control (pitch, loudness, speed, clear enunciation)

Creativity

1. Presentation is an original creation that surprises us with its unique qualities
2. Creative methods are explored to present information (use of skits, props, mock interviews)
3. Use of supporting materials to help us appreciate a culture that is different from our own (food, costumes, music, sounds, smells)

Overall Feedback (you will be asked to do a self-assessment)

1. Insight: What new thing did you learn about the topic covered?
2. Strengths: What were the 2-3 best things about your group's presentation?
3. Teamwork: Did all team members appear to contribute to the presentation?
4. Weaknesses: What were the 2-3 things most in need of improvement?

As a part of the self-assessment, each group member will be asked to comment on the quality and quantity of work done by the other members of the group. It would be unfair for several members of the group to do a majority of the work, while the remaining members fail to participate.

There will not be an opportunity for you to make up a missed group presentation. Failure to participate in the presentation on the scheduled day could result in a grade of "F" for the project.