

Group Project – Power Point Presentation with Audio

Because in general the class has been doing well and the end of the semester is near, instead of a group paper, I will just be assigning a power point presentation with audio. Topics are listed at the end of this document. Groups will be assigned.

Due Date: Monday, August 10 by 11:59 pm

Final Product: Power Point Presentation with Audio - 10 slides minimum, 3.30 minutes of audio per slide.

Objective: To produce a power point that illustrates your knowledge on a topic related to Mexican American Studies; to present that knowledge in a succinct and interesting way for an audience who knows only basic information on the topic; to inspire the audience to change their mind about something or to do further research on the topic.

Instructions:

1. First, not as a group but individually, go over the topics listed at the end of this instructions document and pick a topic that interests you and that you would like to do more research on.
2. Then come together as a group to agree on a topic and discuss research angles, approaches, timelines, tasks. You can come together as a group either on the discussion forum that I will set up for you or via a virtual meeting platform such as Zoom, Google Meet, or Microsoft Teams. I highly encourage you to try the virtual meeting platforms; it will be more efficient and rewarding. During the meeting or over the forum, pitch the different topics you chose giving reasons why you think the topic is a good topic. Ideally, one of your topics will appear on everyone's list and then it will be an easy choice, but if not, some discussion will help you narrow it down. Also discuss what specifically you want to research about this particular topic and what you want to include in the power point. Of course, this might change as you do research and that's okay. Just keep in communication with each other about what you will include in the final product. Finally, during this first meeting you should create a timeline for the group and divide tasks. (Groups will be assigned and a forum for you will be opened by the end of Friday, July 31)
3. Do research and discuss. Figure out what to include in the power point and how to put it together. **Research can come from websites on the internet like Wikipedia but all information must be double-checked with other sources. You must also incorporate research from at least 3 scholarly articles from HCC's libraries.** Information on how to access those will be provided in a separate document.
4. The final product must be a power point with audio made up of at least a total of 10 slides (not including title slides). **For purposes of uploading, you should divide the power point presentation into TWO separate power points, PART I and PART II.** Otherwise, the file might be too large and cause issues when uploading. In the power point you should include the following about your topic:

- a. Introduction to the topic where you might give an interesting statistic or tell us why your topic is important or relevant today. Something that hooks the audience. (1 or 2 slides)
- b. Explanation and Background Information about the topic. Include history, facts, and statistics related to your topic. (2 or 3 slides)
- c. Important discoveries that you made. (3 to 4 slides)
- d. Information about creative work related to the topic (songs, art, literature, films). (1-2 slides) **OPTIONAL**
- e. Any other information that you discovered that you found interesting or relevant to the issues discussed in this course. (1-3 slides)
- f. A concluding slide that discusses the impact and importance of knowing this information or a concluding slide that proposes or gives us questions to consider or further research to pursue. (1 slide)

You can play around with the order in which you present this information, but **you must meet the 10-SLIDE REQUIREMENT and you must have at least 3.30 MINUTES OF AUDIO PER SLIDE.** Audio recordings should not simply be a repetition or reading out loud of the information of the slide. Finally, each student should have a speaking part in the power point.

Recommendations for Power Point

1. Include images and make your presentation visually appealing in terms of color, organization, and font for your power point.
2. Do not overload your power point with information. Do bullet points, or a few quotes, or one long quote per power point.
3. Your audio explanation should be between 3.30 to 5 minutes. The audio recordings should not simply be a reading out loud of the information on the slides. Some of it can be a direct reading out loud, but some of it should be an explanation or expanding of what you have provided in the text of the power point.

LIST OF TOPICS

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- Tlacahelel I, advisor to Aztec king during Conquest
- Engineering and structure of the city of Tenochtitlan
- Bracero Program in Texas
- Discrimination of or racism against Mexican American soldiers in the armed services/ different wars
- Vietnam War and Mexican American soldiers – enlistment and casualties
- Current Education Quality and/or Drop-out rate of Mexican Americans
- Las Gorras Blancas and Land rights
- Mexicans and Mexican Americans involvement in the Gold Rush (California)

- Mexican Americans (Latinos) in Hollywood (must cover earliest actors/actress, 1900s, can go until current times)
- Police Brutality and Biased Criminal Justice System in relation to Mexican Americans
- Mexican American Women Artists or Artist Collectives
- Intersections of the feminist movement and the Chicano Movement
- Mexican Immigration to the US in the past and today
- Labor Exploitation of Undocumented Immigrants
- Current Groups Involved in Activism/Social Justice for Mexican Americans
- The Brown Berets
- Important Mexican American Women Activists of the past or today that we know little about (CANNOT INCLUDE DOLORES HUERTA)
- The Porvenir Massacre in Texas
- Texas Rangers and violence against Mexicans and Mexican Americans
- Gentrification and Mexican American communities (Houston, LA, other places)
- Colorism within the Mexican American or Latin American communities



Grade Rubric

20	Overall, research is substantial and information presented in the power point is beyond the basic knowledge most people have on the topic. The students have shown advanced knowledge on the topic at hand. Presentation informs and inspires the audience. Meets the 10-slides (or more) requirement.
20	Slides cover the information requested under Instructions # 3 (a-f). Order can be determined by students.
10	Organization of information is coherent. The slides make sense as a whole and don't seem like random separate parts.
10	Power point is visually appealing. Organization, fonts, and colors enhance readability. Images are included.
20	Power point meets the audio requirements. Audio recordings enhance the information presented on the slides. Audio recordings ARE NOT simply a reading out loud of the information on the slides. Audio recordings are audible and clear. All students have a speaking part.
10	Power Point is well-edited and mostly error free.
10	Power Point includes a Works Cited page in MLA style. Entries are correct and complete.