



Presentation Instructions

Due 11/29

- 1st you are required to choose a philosopher that we haven't covered or will cover. This means for instance you cannot cover Socrates/Plato because we have already covered these philosophers and you cannot cover Rawls or Nozick because we will cover these philosophers.
- You are also required to have an argument. You will have a Thesis statement at the beginning of your presentation that begins with the words "I argue..." This will be your claim. You will then provide evidence for your claim within the body of your presentation. More explanation is provided later in this document.
- There are 3 assignments in total for the presentation. The first is the research (directions in a separate document). The second is a rough draft of your presentation power point slide and the third is the final power point presentation. The research and the rough draft will count as exercise grades and the Final draft of your power point presentation is worth 15% of your grade.

Requirements for the content of your presentation:

- You need to show you have a clear understanding of the material as well as fully support and defend your philosophical position.
- You must adequately include your philosophical position as well as the philosopher you are covering
 - (What is your view (not opinion as opinions and beliefs do not require evidence).
 - At the beginning of the presentation you need to have an introduction which introduces what you will be covering in your presentation **and also includes a thesis statement.**
 - So, you need to use the words "**I argue...**" So what do you argue?
 - Also ____ (the philosopher you are covering) argues....." So what does the philosopher you are covering argue.
 - This again will be in the introduction (the first part of your presentation). However, just introduce what is going to be argued and then in the body of your presentation adequately provide explanation and defense for both your argument and that of the philosopher you are covering.
 - Again, your Thesis statement MUST come at the **beginning** of your presentation and begin with the words "I argue..."
 - Do not use the word believe or opinion within your presentation this includes when discussing your philosophers' arguments or any opposing views.

- You need to show you have completed accurate academic research. Thus, a works cited page will be required. Your resources should be included throughout the power point on each slide and the work cited information must be found on the last slide.
 - You are required to have 4 outside references. (outside references means outside the required readings for this class). At least 1 of the 4 must be acquired from a periodical reference and no more than 1 of your references can be web-references (internet links).
 - (If you find an article through the library for instance through JSTOR that would count toward your periodical reference not an internet reference)
 - Due to the circumstances surrounding our nation if all of your resources are periodical references obtained from an internet interface like JSTOR that is fine, as all of your references can be periodical references but that is not required what is required is that at least 2 are periodical references
 - However, you are still only allowed one Web-reference so for instance if you want to use The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy as a web-reference then you can only use that one internet site, since you are only allowed to have 1 web-reference and then you could NOT use any other web-references
 - So, you could not use BOTH “The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy” and the “Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy”
 - Note: you may use the handouts for this class as a reference, but they do not count toward your 4 outside references and they must be included in your work cited and if you use them throughout your presentation then on the slide or slides where you reference the information
 - If you need to cite one of the handouts just provide the name of the handout and state which page or pages the information can be found.
 - Again, your research must be academic and that means sources like Wikipedia do not count.
 - Your documentation of resources throughout the power point will be less formal and your works cited should be very formal. For instance, if you retrieve information from the Standard Encyclopedia of Philosophy then when you use this information throughout your power point you can put on the bottom of the slide in about 10 font - Standard Encyclopedia of Philosophy. The works cited will need to be formal and completed accurately, meaning the way a works cited is supposed to be completed. The reason for this is if you complete your work cited correctly, I will be able to reference your sources throughout your presentation with your work cited page. The work cited page will not count towards the minimum requirement for the power point slide length.
 - Works cited page:
 - For this page again you will have an formal and accurate listing of ALL your sources.
 - I do not have a preference for which format you use for instance you can use
 - MLA
 - Chicago or
 - APA
 - What I do care about is that I can EASILY find your source and if you for instance used a quote from an article that I can not only easily find

your source but easily find the quote because on the slide where you included the quote you stated the page number that the quote can be found on. To clarify think if I provided a quote from the textbook and you wanted to find that quote, but I didn't provide the page number. How difficult would it be to find that quote? Now how easy would it be to find the quote if you included the page number? So for the works cited page the page number for the book wouldn't be included but for the slide where you referenced the information from the book you would include the page number.

- Note: You are required to show you have started working on and researching for your presentation **before the presentation is due**. The instructions for the research are in a separate document.
- You should have pictures or images that are relevant to your information you are covering. However, **NO** videos will be allowed for this power point presentation. (this includes the bonus assignment as well)
- For your presentation you will need to create a power point with a minimum of 30 slides (not including your work cited page). Although there is technically no max you should shoot for no more than say 50 sides.

What must be included:

- The Philosopher you are covering
- Thesis statement (at the beginning of your presentation) -What you are arguing and what the philosopher you are covering argues.
- Clear and precise arguments
- Clear understanding of the philosopher you are covering
- Substantive and adequate support for your philosophical position thus you must make sure you adequately explain and defend your philosophical position as well as the philosophical position of the philosopher you are covering.
- Within your presentation, you need to include the essential elements for philosopher you are covering
 - Biographical sketch including, when he/she was born and when he/she died (or if he/she is still living)
 - Critically engage the ideas of the philosopher and identify how his/her writings influenced other philosophers and or the environment in which he/she wrote
 - How his/her writings help us understand philosophical discourse today;
 - The major philosophical contribution of the philosopher you are covering both at the time he/she lived and for future generations.
 - If you reference any information you need to state where you retrieved the information and the reference must be included in the power point (this will be found throughout your power point and then more formally on the last slide of your presentation)

- Your references must be academic. Thus, websites like Wikipedia do not count.
 - Your work cited on the last slide. (does not count towards the minimum requirement)
- Your information needs to have a proper flow and structure.
- You may cover the arguments in any order you see fit just make sure there is a proper flow and structure as well as making sure you provide a proper introduction with your thesis statement.
- Please remember, the **thesis** statement should always be explicitly at the beginning of the presentation so that the audience knows what the topic is and what your philosophical position is on the topic.
 - Your thesis statement needs to start off with the words “I argue...”
- In addition, you should also make sure when ending your presentation that is a smooth conclusion, meaning please do not have “The END” or something like this before having concluding statements.
- Therefore, your presentation must have concluding statements.

TIME LINE

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Due</u>
<u>Research</u>	<u>11/08</u>
<u>Rough Draft</u>	<u>11/15</u>
<u>Presentation</u>	<u>11/29</u>

BONUS:

- For this bonus assignment you will need to create a video presentation of yourself covering a power point of the philosopher you choose. Thus, you must have a power point and a video of you within the presentation covering that power point. You will need to upload your video to the proper forum (the dropbox for the presentation on D2L)
- Your presentation video needs to look like my recording over The Branches and Sub-branches of Philosophy
- Some free programs that I know that will allow you to record yourself covering a power point are→
 - Camtasia
 - Screencast o matic
 - BB Flash player
 - You can also use Zoom
- If you would like to complete this bonus assignment, then you should IMMEDIATELY FIND A PROGRAM that you want to use you should probably download several free programs and test them out to see which one you prefer. You should also do your research on these programs first to decide which one you even what to test out.
- You must ALSO STILL upload your presentation video **along with your power point** to the proper forum on D2L.
- Consequently, you will need to construct a power point presentation on the philosopher you choose, along with your philosophy on the topics your covering and record your self-discussing/presenting on that person and your power point slides.

Requirements:

- Your presentation MUST be within 1 video. Thus, do **NOT** break your presentation up into several different videos.
- The video needs to be only you covering your power point and thus do not include any other videos.
- Your video must be over you covering the presentation meaning the video of you speaking about the presentation cannot be embedded in the power point you must record yourself covering the power point. Refer to how my recording over the Branches and Sub-branches looks that is what you are required to have for this bonus assignment.
- If you need to compress your video the only free program I know of is Handbrake however, I am sure if you do your research, you will find other programs.
- You may have some issues trying to figure this out so DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST FEW DAYS TO COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT.

- **IMPORTANT:** If you do not show yourself within the video presentation you will not receive the bonus points for this assignment because for this assignment you must have a video of yourself within the presentation covering the information.
 - That means if you **ONLY** turn in a power point you will **not** receive the bonus points.
 - Or
 - If you have a video but you are not within the video for instance only your voice is then you will **not** receive the bonus points for this assignment. OR
 - If you have just a video of yourself but in the video, you are not covering a power point you will **not** receive the bonus points for this assignment
 - In addition, your video cannot just be embedded into your power point. The video needs to be of you actually covering the power point

- **AGAIN:** You must have a video of yourself in the presentation covering the power point you created.

- Furthermore, you must make sure your power point is on **Slide show** (or the video records as if the power point is on slide show -BB flash player will do this) and that your video does not overlap your ppts in such a way that it is difficult to see the information within your slides

- **Consequently, it is important that you practice your presentation**
 - This means you should practice going through your slides (without recording yourself) to know exactly what you want to say and when. You should probably do this at least twice.

- It is also **highly important** to have a test run before deciding to have your final recording that you intend to turn in for a grade. The reason for this it would be awful and frustrating to find out that you thought you recorded for 30 minutes only to find out something went wrong like the microphone wasn't working and therefore the sound of your voice was not recorded. (This has happened not only to be but previous students which is why I have included this information). So PLEASE have a test run of like 1-2 minutes checking to see if the video is being recorded according to the instructions for this presentation.

- Your presentation needs to be a minimum of 25 minutes. Although there is technically no max you should shoot say for not more than about 40 minutes.

- This bonus assignment is with **+5 on your presentation grade.** Please note the presentation is now worth 15% of your overall grade.