

## ORAL PRESENTATION

*Monday 3/18 - Friday 3/22*

After writing your mythical creature papers, you and your partner must put together a 5-7 minute oral presentation for the class, using research you found to try to persuade us that this creature is really super duper totally real, you guys.

Since you and your partner wrote separate papers, you will need to work together to create the strongest possible argument, using points and research from both of your papers. Collaborate with each other and strategize about which evidence and appeals are most effective, and what is the most effective way to present all these points to the class.

These presentations should be both entertaining and informative, so be creative! And remember, your goal is to try to persuade the audience. If you can leave the class wondering, at least a little bit, if maybe the creature *is* actually real after all, then you will have succeeded.

You will be graded in 5 different categories:

1. **PRESENTATION:** how creative & entertaining your speech is.
2. **INFORMATION:** how fresh, interesting & thorough your research is, and how well you seem to understand your topic.
3. **PERSUASIVENESS:** how effective your speech is at convincing us that your creature might actually be real.
4. **EFFORT:** how much work & thought you put into your presentation.
5. **TIME:** how well you stayed within the 5-7 minute range.

You are not required to use visual aids, such as a Powerpoint, though of course you can if you want. However, keep in mind that Powerpoints can also end up being boring. So whatever visual aids you use, make sure they are interesting!

**TIMING:** Your presentation should be somewhere in the range of 5-7 minutes. You will lose points for being under 5 minutes. You will not lose points for going over (unless you go *way* over), but I may have to cut you off, so try not to do that. At the end of your presentation, there will be 1-2 minutes for questions from the class.

You may use video clips, but no longer than 1 minute. Video clips do not count toward your total time, so if your presentation is 7 minutes exactly, but you used a 1-minute video clip, your time will actually be 6 minutes and you will therefore lose points.