

ENGL 1302

Final Exam: Demonstration of Rhetoric

Demonstration / Presentation: 10% of Total Course Grade

Purpose: As a capstone (Final Exam) to the ENGL 1302 course, you will showcase effective rhetoric.

This last exercise should illustrate your ability to articulate and/or visually convey **an aspect** of the original claim / or the claim itself from the paper/response. You are not responsible to present the entirety of your argument/paper—rather, focus on a manageable piece of the claim to persuade your student audience.

The presentation should demonstrate and display the three appeals, a culmination of the rhetorical strategies you've studied this semester.

Requirements:

- **Presentation Length:** 5 Minutes Minimum to 8 Minutes Maximum (if you go over 8 minutes, you will be asked to stop)
- **Presentation Goal:** Present a claim; convince your audience of student peers to side with/consider the proposed perspective.
- **Presentation Media/Tools:** speech, hardcopy handouts, surveys (in person or online), videos, powerpoints, prezis, in-class activities/demonstrations

Elements to consider in Presentation:

- Background on the Topic
- Major Argumentative Points / Movements
- Opposing Viewpoints

What Works:

- Audience Interaction
- Visuals/Vivid Examples
- Facts
- Clear/Confident Speaking
- Appropriate Dress
- Being Emotional/Funny
- Some Type of Demonstration
- Approachable/Comfortable (Not Stiff) Demeanor

What Doesn't Work:

- Boring Topics
- Lack of Enthusiasm/ Low Energy
- Only a Speech
- Only a Video
- Only a PPT/Prezi
- Arrogance and/or Condescension

FAQs:

Do I have to cite information I use?

- if your information is on a slide, you should cite it.
- if you're speaking, just signal phrase; 'According to the 2008 Census Bureau ...'

What happens if I don't show up when I am supposed to present?

- if you do not arrange to reschedule your presentation time in advance , you will forfeit your slot—e.g. -10% of your total course grade.

Do I have to attend all the remaining days of class?

- most 'activity' days of class are counted as participation grades in Portfolio (15% of your total course grade); further, there will be bonus opportunities during the last days of class.

Lastly, as a point of courtesy, it is critical to be on time to class—it can be very disruptive to student presenters if you enter late.

Summation:

Be present, be yourself, and use a variety of tools to convey / illustrate your argument.