

The Presentation

The second most significant part of your project will be to present the results of your project. Your audience will be classmates, teachers, administrators, parents, and guests.

This is also the most significant part of your Culminating Project grade: 55%. It can make or break the success of your project and graduation.

Presentation Format Overview

Here are the minimum points you should cover in your presentation. Please do not refer to this format *verbatim*. Use it as a guide but add your own slant to it. Be sure to include personal anecdotes. Your presentation should be ***well-documented, balanced, coherent, and engaging***.

For instance: Part I is "Who Am I?" You should not have a slide in your presentation titled "Who Am I". Come up with a personal touch to introducing yourself to the audience.

Presentation Outline

I. WHO AM I?

- Greet the audience
- Who you are
- Your career pathway
- Previous accomplishments working toward your career pathway
- A transition sentence demonstrating the relationship of “who you are” to “why you chose your project”

"My culminating project topic is directly related to my career pathway and personal interests in the following ways..."

II. BODY: PRESENT YOUR PROJECT

1. Introduction: Use an interesting and creative hook to introduce your project
2. Historical Background
 - Your project
 - Why you chose your project
 - What were you hoping to learn
What you knew about your topic beforehand
 - Related experiences you had prior to doing the project
 - The research that guided you in your project
3. Demonstration of Your Project: Describe...
 - How the project worked, goals, and/or how a problem was solved
 - The personal challenges you experienced
 - New learning or how you extended your knowledge skills or experience
 - The analytical, logical, and creative thinking that made your project unique
 - Any risks that you took (emotional or intellectual)
 - What you would have done differently
 - Personal satisfaction or discoveries that were gained from the project

III. CONCLUSIONS

1. Where am I going?
 - Briefly discuss the classes you have taken in school and your plan beyond high school and where you see yourself in ten years.

Presentation Guidelines or How Not To Ruin a Good Presentation

Use your presentation software as a side dish, not the main course.

- No bells and whistles! Avoid use of sound other than where it's actually a part of the project. Do not use distracting animations or transitions.
- Use a minimum of 18pt font
- Do not use hard to read fonts
- Use high contrast colors: what looks good on the computer screen may not look good (or be readable!) on the LCD projector.
- Do not read from the slide. The audience can read it. Use note cards and have the major points and flow of your presentation memorized. Within the major points you tell your story of personal anecdotes regarding the project.
- Use the presentation software to give examples; snapshots of your web pages, videos, voice, animation, photos, graphs, tables, etc. related to the topic you are discussing
- Practice the presentation several times.