
Mid-Quarter Presentation

Creative Role Model Assignment**Assignment Description**

This project gives you a chance to explore the life and work of a person you resonate with as a creative role model. You should choose an individual who gives you creative inspiration. This should be a person whose work and personal history is public and easily found through research. Specifically, you will need to learn about the person's personal background, the "ordinary world" of your role model's field prior to his/her work, your role model's work itself and why it is viewed as creative, and the person's impact on others.

Your first task will be to select an appropriate research topic, which must be approved by your instructor. Examples of research projects include:

- *Albert Einstein, Bill Gates, Ella Fitzgerald, Michael Jordan, Madonna, Emily Dickenson, Mozart, Picasso, Leonardo da Vinci, Lao tzu, etc...*

Deliverables

1. Prepare a typed (4-6 page) paper, written in your own words (DO NOT COPY AND PASTE) that contains the following information:
 - Your project title. (5%)
 - A detailed list of your group members and their level of participation. (5%)
 - Your group's rationale for the selection of this topic. (10%)
 - A description of the personal history of your creative role model. (10%)
 - A description of the "ordinary world" that your creative role model transcended. (20%)
 - Descriptions and examples of why your role model's work is deemed creative. (20%)
 - Descriptions and examples of your role model's impact on their field. How were they influential? Who did they influence? (10%)
 - A brief description of how you would "normally" present this information followed by a description of how you plan to deviate from the norm in order to "creatively" share this information in your actual presentation. (20%)

NOTE: Proper grammar and spelling will also be considered.

2. **Presentation:** Be ready to summarize your research, what you learned, and answer any questions your classmates might have regarding your research and analysis.

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Presentation Overview

Students will be required to present a summary of the information contained in their paper with the help of visual aids and anything else that may help them **creatively** (see below) share the material with the class.

Grading Criteria

All students begin with a score of 100%. Percentage points will be deducted if the following requirements are not met.

- Presentation:
 - To fulfill the creativity requirement, you must begin with a brief explanation to the class of how you would have normally presented this information, but then present the information differently than that norm.
 - However, students must provide all of the required information in a clear and “professional” manner.
 - Must be between 7-10 minutes in length (not including time allotted for Q&A)
- Q&A:
 - Each member of a group must be able to answer any question asked about the research during and after the presentation.
- Audience:
 - Each student must be attentive and present to watch the presentations of all their fellow classmates. While in the audience, each group must ask at least one project-relevant question to each of the groups that presents.

***Given the limited amount of time, it is NOT expected for you to share ALL the information from your paper in your presentation. But, you do need to address each required piece of information at least briefly. So, you should practice timing yourself to be sure you can address all topics within the allotted time.**

***The paper and presentation weigh equally towards your overall Mid-Quarter Project grade.**