

WR20: Oral History and the Stories of Medicine  
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### Final Presentations

Due: in class December 4, 2009  
Length: 15 minutes total for each presentation

Academic conferences are meetings in which scholars come together to share their work. Typically, each scholar presents his/her work by joining a panel with several other scholars who are researching related topics.

Your panels will be organized around a central argument to which all of you contribute. You should work together to make this an interesting presentation, but how you divide up the roles is up to you.

You will divide into panels of 3 or 4 according to your interests; we will determine the panel topics and participants in class today (11/20). You will also have time in class on 12/2 to finalize your plans for the presentations.

#### Elements Required (2 points each)

- 1) Give an “elevator pitch” for your argument, making it as concise and exciting as possible. The pitch should be delivered orally and last no more than 2 minutes.
- 2) Provide a visual element, either in the form of a paper handout or using our classroom technology (computer, DVD, VHS).
- 3) Read (or play) a section of any interview on our wordpress site that illustrates your topic. This could be an interview that you conducted or an interview conducted by your classmates (including the other section of WR 20).
- 4) Make use of at least one of the texts we’ve read together in class. You may, of course, bring in additional sources from our course readings or your own research.
- 5) Discuss the significance of your argument beyond our classroom.

Grading: Points will be awarded for each element included, for a possible total of 10 points, and all participants will receive the same number of points. This presentation is a chance for you to employ your creativity and to synthesize the work we’ve done together this semester.

## ME2D2 Peer Review

You will also be working with your team of panelists on the peer review for ME2D2. Please assign yourself as peer reviewer for another member of the panel, working round-robin rather than in pairs. Please let Dr. Case know what these assignments are.

ME2D2 is due Monday, 11/30, at midnight. After your writer has uploaded his/her draft to Group Pages,

- 1) Download the draft and read it carefully before class.
- 2) Make a “tag cloud” from your writer’s essay. Here’s one very easy site:  
<http://www.tagcrowd.com/>
- 3) Print out both the ME2D2 and the tag cloud and bring both to class on 12/2.

You will need to have completed both these steps in order to participate in peer review activities in class on Wednesday, 12/2.