

Presentation tips

Below is a list of suggestions for making a dynamic and successful presentation.

1. Create connection and cohesion. As each group member begins their section, in order to create a smooth and seamless transition, if possible, they should try and connect in some way to the subject or ideas that were previously being discussed. If you are going to be discussing something completely different and there is no connection, perhaps you begin your portion of the presentation by announcing that you are going to shift topics.
2. Show lots of images: Never speak for a significant amount of time while just showing one image. If you are going to talk for a long period of time, continually break up the content with different images.
3. As a team, try and weed out any elements in your presentation that could be unclear or uninteresting. Less is more.
4. If someone on your team is missing the mark or if their contribution in any way could be improved, let them know. You are going to be graded collectively. If your portion is amazing and your team member's section is terrible, the final grade will be an average of both.
5. Think about the presentation from the audience's perspective. Imagine if you hadn't been researching your topic for the last three weeks—would the presentation make sense? Would it be interesting and informative?
6. Make your presentation dynamic. Try and use a variety of formats and visual elements. Use time-lines or info-graphics. Integrate sequence and movement. Use color and shapes.
8. Have some sort of conclusion or wrap up. Don't abruptly end your presentation.
9. Include a dance routine—just kidding.

Good Luck!