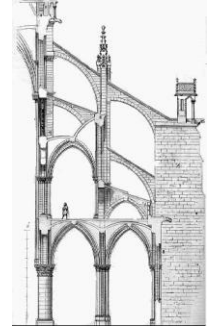


MDST 300.001 Fall 2013

Group Presentations

Given in class Nov. 20 and 26

Written Collaborative Quire due Weds. Nov. 25 by 2 PM.



This task counts as 10% of your final grade (and the collaborative preparation of your quire counts toward class participation as well).

There are a number of subjects we haven't yet plumbed in this course, and the group oral presentation will give you a chance to explore one of those subjects in depth. I'm going to break you into groups of three for these presentations, and give each group 20 minutes to make a presentation to us that gives us a solid introduction to/overview of your subject. Your group can choose how it wants to spend those 20 minutes—lecture, PowerPoint, video, interactive activities, interpretative dance—whatever you want to do.

You must also prepare a handout that provides solid informational sources (mostly academic) about your topic that interested students could use to pursue further research in the area; this must be e-mailed to the class discussion list on the day of your presentation (before class).

Next class I will ask you all to rank your top three preferences for groups, and I'll do my best to divide the class based on those preferences. You'll have a month to research and plan your presentations.

You will also, as a group, prepare a quire of 8-10 leaves about your topic that you turn in by 1 PM on Friday November 30. I will bind these quires together into our class book that will serve as a permanent record of the course. We'll have workshops in class on Nov. 13 and 18 on how to make a quire so that you can practice and plan what and how you want to put in your quire. (I'll be providing you with paper to use for the final quire so that you all have the same sized materials.)

I encourage you to bring your creativity, your curiosity, and your critical thinking to these presentations. It's a great chance to explore a specific area of the medieval world and to really show off your talents, so don't just settle for a "talking heads" presentation—wow us! I'll be happy to consult with you as you work on this presentation; just let me know how I can guide you.

Possible topics (your group can suggest others if it wants to & I'll let you know if they work):

- Medieval clothing
- Medieval armor/weaponry
- Medieval food
- Medieval schooling, fun, and games
- Medieval castles
- Medieval art/artists/stained glass
- Medieval witchcraft & magic