

Oral Presentation – Arts

HMXP102

Prof. Oakes

Winthrop University

From the Syllabus:

- Art Connection: Each student will present a 5-10 minute report on some work of visual, auditory, performance, literary, or other art, explaining its significance to course materials.

Example:

- We saw an example in class: the lyrics of a song expressed one or more ideas relevant to class discussion and materials, such as Plato's idea of the appearance/reality distinction.
- I incorporated the music into a short presentation explaining what the lyrics meant and how they related to our class.
- See the course website for a copy of the presentation:
http://faculty.winthrop.edu/oakesm/HMXP102/Numberless_Wonders.ppt.

Your Assignment:

- Do something similar.
- That is, use a piece of art or music, etc. to capture and express some important idea/s from our course. Present this artwork to the class and explain its significance for our discussions.
- Your presentation should include the following:
 - o A copy of the artwork for the class to see/hear. Your copy should be clear and intelligible to the class.
 - o Identification of the artwork, including author/composer/artist, performer (if any), time and place of creation; lyrics (if any); etc.
 - o Your account of what the artwork means, as you understand it – i.e., what the artwork reveals about humanity, either in general or in the person of your self.
 - o Your account of how the artwork, what it reveals about humanity, relates to the materials of our course. Be specific in tying ideas or elements of the artwork to main ideas from our readings.
 - o An invitation to the classroom to comment on or pose questions about your presentation.

Resources:

- We have a “smart-room”, so you may use the computer and overhead/speakers as you like.
- You may construct a powerpoint presentation, if you wish; but this is not necessary.

Officially:

- This assignment is worth 5% of your overall grade.
- Please keep your presentation to about 5 minutes. Be sure to time your presentation – I will cut you off at 10 minutes!
 - o If you use the internet, please make sure that your links are good and anticipate the time it will take to connect to them.
- Your presentation will be graded on the following:
 - o Clarity and quality of exposition and presentation;
 - o Effectiveness in conveying a message to your audience;
 - o Relevance to our materials, the question, Who am I?
 - o Specificity;
 - o Thoughtfulness.