

Essay 4—Final Presentation

Write a one to two page (250-600 words) presentation on a topic of genuine interest to you. You can write on any subject, hobby, interest, or idea that you find truly interesting. Imagine yourself speaking to a friend who does not share your knowledge of or enthusiasm for your topic. Your task is to convey clearly why you find the topic so engaging.

Do not write about a broad, general topic. “Sports,” “shopping” or “science fiction” would make lousy topics for this essay. March Madness, Manolo Blahnik, or *Battlestar Galactica*, however, could make excellent topics. Feel free to talk with me about choosing a good topic.

You do not have to include outside sources, but if you use any, you must document them in proper MLA format, including parenthetical references and a list of Works Cited.

Write your presentation in classic prose style: clear and concise, specific and engaging.

Make every word count.

Initial Draft Due: April 19

(Bring THREE copies of your essay to class.)

Revised Draft Due: May 3

(Bring your Revised Draft, your Initial Draft with my comments on it, and all the Peer Critiques you received to class in a folder.)