

Presentation Listening Assignment

Part of the purpose of these in class presentations is for you to practice thinking while listening. Listen to your colleagues' presentations actively, thinking about their ideas while they are presenting them. Take notes, summarizing their ideas and jotting down any questions or related thoughts you have.

First, try to figure out what the thesis of the presentation is. Write it down.

Then, for each presentation, formulate the following as constructive feedback:

1. Formulate a helpful clarificatory question—that is, a question asking for more detail about some aspect of the talk (which could be a detail or could be the big picture) or what you might find confusing.
2. Formulate an interesting philosophical question--that is, a question that engages with the philosophical content of the presentation, or an objection to the argument.
3. Do you have any other comments or constructive criticisms?