

Research Presentations

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1 Some Guidelines

1. Only 5 - 10 minutes.
2. Your presentation should be based on the work you have done in this class. That is, the two papers and the annotated bibliography. You should also try to use the rough draft of your final paper as a guideline for your talk.
3. Talk about **one** of the aspects below (or all):
 - (a) What you are arguing for in your paper.
 - (b) Technical details about your topic of research.
 - (c) Why you are interested in your topic.
 - (d) How hard was it to do research for this topic.
 - (e) What you learned about: Academic thinking; Research; The life of scientists or academics; How social factors can determine scientific issues; Why science and technical writing is boring
4. Do not read—a presentation is a talk.
 - (a) If you use a powerpoint, try not to read directly off the page.
 - (b) If you have a handout, try not to read directly off the page.
5. Be prepared to answer questions!

Basically, what I am looking for is a sense that you have spent some time thinking and reading about your topic. I want to know that you are *some-what* knowledgeable about your research — of course, I don't expect you to be an expert.