

# AMERICAN CULTURE

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## Assignments

Presentations: You must give 2 presentations on days of your choosing. It is your responsibility to make sure that you sign up to present 2 times during the semester and you will lose points if you do not. Each presentation may be very informal and should be about 3 minutes.

1. Story-telling
2. Persuasive

Language Partner: You may choose a classmate as your English language partner. You must meet with your language partner once a week and during this time you can only speak in English with each other. As proof of your meeting, I want you to take a picture of the two of you together and send it to me. Don't forget to write your names in the email.

Supplementary reading: Every week, I will post on my website suggested reading to complete before the next class. These readings are meant only to deepen your understanding of the lecture and will not be checked or tested in any way.

Class Participation: This is a major percentage of your grade meaning it is very important! Attendance is required and especially important for language learning. **I expect students to participate by speaking in class, asking questions, and talking during group discussions.**

Midterm Project: Group presentation

Final Exam: Mock Interview

## Grading Rubric

Class Participation	30
2 Presentations	16
Midterm Project	16
Language Partner Pictures	8
Final Exam	30

## Policies and Expectations

Each unexcused absence will result in 2 points deduction from your final grade. If you happen to miss a class for legitimate reasons, e.g. sickness, accident, please let me know ahead of time. **Please only use English during class time.**

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Extra Credit: These opportunities will give you valuable experiences as well as earn more credit for the course.

1. Attend a lecture by a foreign professor (English-speaking), take a picture of yourself at the lecture, and write a 1-page paper about your thoughts on his or her lecture.
2. Go to the Beijing American Center, which is part of the American embassy, to learn more about cultural and educational exchange opportunities between China and the United States. Take a picture of yourself there and bring back a pamphlet with your name written on it. 北京市朝阳区呼家楼京广中心2801室100020