Group Presentation Guidelines

You will work in groups of 3 students and present for 10 minutes on a psychological topic of your choice.

Choose an article related to a psychological topic of your choice published in the past 2-3 years. **Your topic/article must be approved by Dr. Franco two (2) weeks before your presentation.**

   a. The article MUST report on a scientific study.


   c. If you need help finding a topic, come see me. I have many articles in my office and I can also help you find an article online that fits the criteria.

2. **Submit a copy of the article at least (one) 1 week prior to your presentation for approval.**

   *Articles/Topics will be approved first come first serve and they cannot be duplicated.*

3. Once your article gets approved, read and analyze the article and anything else related to your topic that will make you more knowledgeable about the topic.

4. Decide with your group members how you will spend your 10 minutes of fame. Each group member must be a significant contributor to the presentation/discussion.

5. **Complete “Presentation Notes” and turn in the day of your presentation.**

6. Your presentation should include the following:

   a. An explanation of why this topic is important and what is the main problem the author addresses.

   b. An explanation of the research that was conducted and the research findings.

   c. An interactive activity/discussion.

   d. A conclusion

You are expected to work as a group and collaborate with your group members. I will use the presentation evaluation form to provide you feedback.

Presentation Grade will be based on the content and the style/creativity of the presentation.
Presentation Format

- Practice, Practice, Practice before your presentation day.
- Arrive early.
- **Before class starts.**
  - Write key terms, charts, or diagrams on the board. No full-sentences.
  - Turn in your “Presentation Notes” at the beginning of class.
  - You can refer to these during your presentation.

- **During your presentation:**
  - Introduce yourself and your group members and your article topic.
  - Grab the attention of your audience.
  - Use a relaxed, natural, spontaneous style (conversational).
  - Do not read your paper. Speak from memory with assistance of brief notes.
  - Maintain eye contact with your audience. Be enthusiastic.
  - Stay within the time limit and pace yourself.
  - **Engage your audience with one open ended question and allow for a brief discussion.**

- **During other presentations:**
  - Put your phones away.
  - Listen attentively.
  - Participate in the discussion and take notes
  - Ask questions.

List of sample articles

Food, Sex, Gambling, the Internet: When Is It Addiction? By Carl Erik Fisher on January 1, 2016 (Scientific American Mind)

Why your family drives you crazy by Emily Esfahani Smith on December 10, 2014 (Vox)

What Does the Internet Do to Our Memories? By Kyle Chayka   December 16, 2015

The Dangers Of Texting While Parenting By Laura Santhanam on December 17, 2015 (Huffington Post)