

ORAL PRESENTATION OF PROJECT SUMMARY

Each of you will be given approximately 5-7 minutes to summarize the thesis of your final project. At the very least, you should mention the theory you have selected, the practical application you deem relevant to this theory, and the nature of the research (empirical support) you have considered to strengthen your argument concerning the link between the theory and practical application. These are the three elements which **must** be present in your final project, and so it makes sense that they should be present in your oral summary.

The purpose of these oral presentations is to give each of you a chance to share with your classmates your term-paper topic, and to give each of you a chance to hear about the work of your classmates. As such, I envision this as a low-pressure opportunity for you to share what you want to share about the paper you have written. There are no expectations of Power Point slides or even standing at the front of the room. Just a brief summary of your paper will suffice.

Please keep in mind that in order for each of you to have enough time to do what we're planning to do, each of you will have to cooperate. Please be prepared to present your ideas quickly and coherently (recognizing that 5-7 minutes is quite a bit of time if you are organized). And please be sure that in response to your classmates' presentations, any questions or comments you offer are *directly relevant and important*. It is not likely we will have time for distractions or discussion for discussion sake. Remaining "on task" will be a priority, and with any luck, everyone will benefit in the process.

Finally, this is not a test. Rather, it is an opportunity to share. However, it is required, and **any student who does not attend this class and thus does not complete an oral presentation will have 10 points deducted from her grade on the final paper.**