WW1 Poet Laureate Project: Presentation

Presentations start Friday, January 29th

# What we’re doing

Every student is going to give a 10-12 minute presentation about their event to the class.

# Why we’re doing it

Each of you has learned a great deal about *one* event in World War 1, but as a class, we now know about *many* events from World War 1 history. You’re going to give presentations so that your colleagues can benefit from your research.

In order to find out how much we’ve all learned from each other, there will be an open-note test on Friday, February 5th.

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# When it’s Due

Everyone should be ready to give their presentation on Friday, January 29th.

*If someone meant to present is absent, their spot will be filled by the person scheduled to go next - this means you all might go earlier than you expect*

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# What your presentation should include

Your presentation should consist of about six slides (and no more than eight). If you have six slides, that gives you just under two minutes per slide.

Your presentation should include the following:

* The broad context for your event
* The “proximate cause” of your event
* What happened in your event
* The impact of your event on World War 1
* SPICY: (not required) connect your event to the present day

How you present it, and in what order, is entirely up to you! You are welcome to create a handout in addition to your PowerPoint presentation. Your audience might appreciate it, but you are not required to do so. However, this is good practice.

Tips for Presentations

# Structure

At the start of the presentation, tell people what you’re going to talk about). Then, at the end, remind the audience what you talked about

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# Content

Be knowledgeable about your subject (as one student said, “Don’t BS”).

* You should know more about your topic than what you say in your presentation.

Give interesting, concrete facts.

Make it clear what your sources are, and make it clear which you regard as reliable, and which you don’t.

# Presentation style

Make sure your passion comes across

Be confident, animated, and not too formal

Breaking the fourth wall is an effective (but risky) technique

Dress professionally

Make eye contact with lots of people, don’t just read off your slides

# Slides

Use pictures

Don’t use too much text

Share the slides and the notes with your audience after your presentation.

**Others Tips?**