

Building Your Presentation – Self-Assessment

What information/fact/question do you have that can blow the minds of the audience?
Whatever it is you should be as excited as Steve Jobs to share this idea.

Given your topic and your thesis, what is the best way to build a relationship with your audience: personal story, questions, humor, a scenario, a statistic, a striking visual, music, art, song, or something else?

Given your topic and your thesis, which is the best approach to the presentation?

Giving the audience an experience of your subject

Showing step-by-step how you came to your conclusions

Returning to a central point from several different perspectives

Telling the saga of doing your research and coming to your conclusions

Pink Floyd laser light show

Name three or four ideas that the audience must understand for your presentation to reach its potential. Then, describe one way to make this idea memorable for them (e.g. story, statistic, metaphor, etc.)

Important idea	Way to make it memorable

Once everyone in your group has filled this out, take times describing your topic, thesis, and main points in your paper, and the “so what?” from your paper.

Building Your Presentation – Peer Feedback

What questions do they have about your topic? What do they want to understand better?

Are they convinced by your “so what?” that your topic and thesis are important?

What do your peers think has the most potential to blow the minds of your audience?

What tough questions do they think you might get during your defense?

Closing advice for putting your presentation together?