Presentation Rubric

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Criteria	A-range	B-range	C-range	D or lower
Organization	Extremely well organized. Introduces	Generally well organized.	Somewhat organized.	Poorly organized. May
	the presentation clearly; include	Introduces the presentation	Introduces the	introduce the presentation
	smooth transition which connect key	clearly; includes mostly	presentation; includes some	but audience may not be clear
	points; information presented in a	smooth transition which	transitions that connect key	up front what the
	logical sequence which audience can	connect most of the key	points but there is some	presentation or argument is
	follow. Ends the presentation with a	points; most information	difficulty in following the	about, or what to expect.
	clear conclusion showing thoughtful	presented in a logical	presentation with gaps left	Rarely connects points;
	evaluation of the evidence presented.	sequence which audience can	unexplained. There is a	presentation is choppy or
		follow. A few minor points	jumping around of topics	disjointed; ends without a
		might be confusing. Ends the	and several points are	summary or conclusion.
		presentation with a	confusing. Conclusion is	
		conclusion that demonstrated	brief and may not wholly	
		some evaluation of the	conclude or summarize	
		evidence presented.	points discussed.	
Content	Speaker draws upon relevant literature	For the most part, speaker	Speaker may not draw upon	No reference is made to
	using clear examples. Application of	draws upon relevant literature	relevant literature.	literature or theory. Shows
	theories or other scholars' works are	in most examples. Application	Application of theories or	little evidence of valid
	included throughout to illuminate issues	of theories or other scholars'	other scholars' works are	research or the combination
	or ideas. Uses varied sources. Combines	works are included at least	not included or included	of ideas. The audience cannot
	and evaluates ideas to form new or	twice to illuminate issues or	only once. Uses minimal	depend on the presentation as
	unique insights.	ideas. Uses varied sources.	sources. Combines and	an accurate source of
		Combines and evaluates ideas	evaluates ideas but they	information. Presentation is
		to form solid insights.	may not always form	not well communicated for
			insights that are different	the intended audience; it is
			than what has been	too elementary or too
			discussed previously.	sophisticated.
Creativity and	Graphics reinforce the presentation and	Graphics mostly reinforce the	Graphics did not reinforce	Graphics not used, not
Communication	maximize understanding. Visuals/font	presentation and	the presentation and	relevant, or they are poorly
Aids	were large enough to be easily seen at	understanding, but there may	understanding as well as	prepared. Choices do not
	the back of the room. Slides or visual	have been one or two places	they could have, but it has	connect to points being made.
	presentation were engaging and light	where they could have been	promise. At times	Font too small to be easily
	on detail but appropriate for the points	improved. Visuals/font were	visuals/font were hard to	read; many mispellings.
	being made. No misspellings.	for the most part large	see from the back of the	

		enough to be seen at the back of the room. Slides or visual presentation were engaging	room. Slides or visual presentation were somewhat engaging, with	
		but may have been heavy on	room for improvement.	
		detail at times. No or few	Several misspellings.	
		misspellings.		
Use of Voice and	Presenter used appropriate volume,	Presenter used mostly	Presenter's volume may	Presenter's volume was
Presence	showed enthusiasm, maintained eye	appropriate volume, showed	have been a bit quiet for	mostly too quiet for the room
	contact with audience, and encouraged	enthusiasm, maintained eye	the room to hear; they had	to hear; they avoided eye
	questions. Did not consult notes more	contact with audience for the	eye contact at times with	contact with audience. They
	than twice.	most part, and made at least	audience. They did not	did not encourage questions.
		one effort to encourage	necessarily encourage	They significantly relied on
		questions. Did not consult	questions. They relied on	their notes and may have
		notes more than three times.	their notes and at times	spent a considerable portion
			may have read verbatim	of their presentation reading
			from them.	from them.
Length	Finished at or slightly within the allotted	Finished at or slightly within	Went over or under allotted	Time was not adhered to and
	time frame. Did not go over time.	the allotted time frame. If	time frame which impacted	there was significant impact to
		speaker went over time, it did	the presentation or the	the content and delivery.
		not have a negative impact on	content.	
		the presentation and they		
		wrapped up quickly.		

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