

As an introduction to class, you will be responsible for developing a presentation on any topic that you have interest, but it must be focused and approved

For example: you may want to choose is: what is the advantage of geothermal as an alternative energy source? Can we manage hawk populations without leading to extinction events? A very broad topic is not good as it may be considered too general information. **The topic should suit your interest.**

Procedures:

- 1) Choose a topic and work from a general to a narrow focus.
- 2) Gather information from credible sources to determine if you can answer the question(s). Internet sources are sometimes good, but they must be from a government source, aquarium or zoo, or respected non-government organization like Sierra Club, Audubon, Ocean Conservancy, Clean Ocean Action, etc...
- 3) Find sources (peer reviewed) with scientific information that should be included.
- 4) The format for the presentation should be an electronic format

Project Presentation:

- 1) The presentations will be approximately 5 minutes in duration and no more than 10 minutes (without the question period)
- 2) Presentations will be graded on completeness, length of time, flow, relevance to the question(s), supporting details, and references (see attached grading policy)
- 3) This will be worth 50 points overall so do the best that you can
- 4) Any problems, please let me know ASAP
- 5) No Procrastination as I am **Not Forgiving** at the last minute!
- 6) You will be assigned points for questions asked

Timeline:

- Assignments on January 31, 2012
- Project check on February 9, 2012
- **Project presentations on February 21, 2012**

Oral Presentation Grading Sheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Time Started: _____

Time Finished: _____

Total Time: _____

Presentation Topic to be Evaluated	Outstanding	Good	Decent	Poor
Within proper timeframe? (5)				
Was the presentation well introduced? (5)				
Was the presentation clear with a good flow? (10)				
Were there adequate parts included (start to finish) (5)				
Did the presenter provide an answer to the question(s)? (5)				
Was the presentation well referenced? (5)				
Did the layout and design suit the presentation? (5)				
Was there a good effort in the presentation design? (5)				
Did the presenter have good knowledge of the topic? (10)				
Were the references displayed that were used in the presentation? (5)				
What was the impression of the overall presentation? (10)				

Total Number of Point _____

The Total Score of 70 is based upon the rankings in each category. The Outstanding Box means you earn all of the points in the parentheses, the Good Box means $\frac{3}{4}$, the Decent Box means $\frac{1}{2}$ and poor means $\frac{1}{4}$ points only.

Evaluator: _____