

Investigation Project & Presentation

Worth 300 points or 30% of your overall grade

Instructions: For this assignment find a topic of interest from the themes we've covered this term. I think most of you have discovered particular areas in sustainability that you're passionate about, but see me if you're struggling to find a topic. I can help!

You will research your topic and incorporate at least 5 sources (this is the minimum—see rubric below), and hopefully more, into your project. The project can take the form of a formal essay or report, or it can be a blog that you create, a PowerPoint slideshow, a GoogleSite that you set up, or a poster session. I'm open to other ideas you bring for ways of incorporating your research, but check with me ahead of time if your idea falls outside of what's listed here. I can also offer some help with setting up a blog or GoogleSite if you're interested. This project will be presented and shared with the rest of the class, starting week 10. Presentations should be no more than 5 minutes and no less than 3 minutes. Presentations will take place at final exam time, **Tuesday, 3/17 noon to 2PM**

Timeline for completion: Paragraph description of project and format due 3/3
Final project due **3/17 at noon.**

Rubric for grading:

A Incorporates 7 or more sources of quality with a Works Cited page, is extremely well edited with no mistakes, covers material in-depth and offers substantial input from the researcher investigating and interpreting source material on a specific theme. Presented professionally for 5 minutes.

B Incorporates 6 sources of quality with a Works Cited page, is very well edited with few mistakes, covers material well, but somewhat broadly with less substantial input from the researcher's own investigation and interpretation of source material on a specific theme. Presentation is solid, but less professional and does not take the full 5 minutes.

C Incorporates 5 sources with a Works Cited page, needs some editing work, covers material basically and too broadly in scope with less input from the researcher's own investigation and interpretation of source material on a specific theme. Presentation is 3 minutes, but provides only the basic research with little of the researcher's own ideas in relation to the source material.

D Does not incorporate 5 sources, or sources are only websites or other "online only" web sources. Work is poorly edited and there is minimal evidence of the researcher's own investigation on a specific theme. Presentation is less than 3 minutes and/or does not show evidence of researcher's own ideas in relation to the source materials.

F Does not meet any of the above.