

Cultural Impact Presentation (CIP) Assignment Sheet

In-Class Presentation:

Time: 8-10 minutes, maximum (2 students)

Components required in presentation:

- Brief overview of WHERE and HOW this issue/theme is being presented in contemporary culture
- Discussion and analysis of at least TWO specific examples involving this issue/theme
- Connection to current/previous texts we've been studying in the course
- Personal evaluation of the issue/theme's impact on contemporary culture (i.e., What do YOU think about how the issue is being represented? What is YOUR opinion here?)

Handout Requirements:

- One page (MAX) *One handout per group*
- Bulleted list with major content points
- At least two visual elements
- MLA citation for your source(s)

Note: Please post your handout to the course website. Bring 36 copies to class as well.

Presentation Dates & Available Issues/Themes

1. **September 5:** The Effects of Aging; Mothers and Motherhood
2. **September 12:** Memories of Childhood; Defining Racial Identity
3. **September 19:** Domestic Dysfunction; Coming-of-Age Narratives
4. **September 26:** Fathers and Fatherhood; Science vs. Religion
5. **October 10:** Infidelity & Cultural Stereotypes; Living with Siblings
6. **October 17:** Age-Inappropriate Relationships; Love vs. Lust
7. **October 24:** Formations of National Identity; Struggling with Personal History
8. **October 31:** The Modern Bureaucracy; Coping with Boredom/Ennui
9. **November 7:** The "Big C"; Death & Dying at a Young Age

Score Sheet for Presentation

Reminder: **Your in-class presentation should be timed to take no longer than 8-10 minutes.**

Each element below will be assessed qualitatively, not merely for its presence in your presentation.

Points earned	Points possible
_____ 1. Overview & Introduction to the Issue/Theme Clear and accurate summary of information	10
_____ 2. Discussion & Analysis of at least TWO specific examples Evidence of engagement with the examples; Clearly organized	10
_____ 3. Connections to texts and/or discussion from the course Insightful commentary and multiple connections	10
_____ 4. Evaluation of the impact on contemporary culture Thoughtful assessment, supported with textual example(s)	10
_____ 5. Class handout Bulleted list (4); Visuals (2); MLA citations (2); Organization/Design (2)	10
_____ Total Points Earned	50