

The Task

Imagine that you have been selected as a finalist for the competition to decide which presidential administration will be commemorated in a presidential library at Cal Poly Pomona. As a finalist, you and your colleagues have been asked to give a presentation to the selection committee. The selection committee has been tasked to figure out which presidential administration has been the most successful. The most successful presidential administration will be awarded the library branch at Cal Poly Pomona.

In the last three weeks of the class, we will have **group** presentations on each of these presidential administrations. With your essay in mind, you are to give a presentation defending your presidential administration as a success. In these presentations, you will be defending the success of your presidential administration.

Objective and Structure

This is the only portion of the assignment where you are instructed to work in groups. Groups should work at planning the presentation together. The objective is to provide the strongest case possible that your administration is the most successful. Part of this is coordinating with each other to see where your assignments share similar and dissimilar points. *At the very least*, your presentation needs to include at least these two elements:

- 1) Background & History (2-3 minutes at most)
 - a) Early life and political career
- 2) Why is the president a success? (8-12 minutes)
 - a) Examples and potential exhibits

Otherwise, you are welcome to discuss any other aspect of your administration or project: campaigns and elections, failures or drawbacks, museum layout, comparison with other administrations, exploration of historical events, etc.

Time and Grading

In total, the presentation should be approximately 20 minutes in length. Everyone should contribute equally to the presentation. Your individual grade will suffer if your contribution is unequal. Visual aids are allowed and encouraged, but there is no mandated structure. You will be graded on your oral presentation skills, but also your ability to make a persuasive argument in the presentation. Remember, you are presenting your case for a presidential library selection committee; it should not be a formal lecture.

Every group will have 5-10 minutes of a formal question and answer session. Groups will also be graded according to how well you respond and address the questions. Anyone in the audience is encouraged to ask questions.

Presentation Schedule

Week 8

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Roosevelt – Joshua, Kendall, Rachel
Truman – Stephanie, Genesis, Christian
Eisenhower – Hunter, Ivan, Rhiannon

Week 9

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Kennedy – Corey, Marissa, Christoph
Johnson – Larry, Alina, Josie
Nixon – Noel, Johanna, Johan
Ford – Juan, Fernando, Cynthia

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Carter – Jacinto, Damian, David
Reagan – Aileen, Joey, Andrew, Adrian
Bush I – Abdel, Marvin, Carlos

Week 10

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Clinton – Stephen, Jovanna, Megan
Bush II – Briana, Mark, Monika
Obama – Emely, Samantha, Laura
Trump – Connor, Will, Ismael, Sami