

Possible Presentation Topics

Instructions:

0. The table below lists possible topics for student presentations. For more info on some of these, consult the text by Hines (2003) online at NYUClasses (e.g., Psychic Phenomena, UFOs, Astrology & Mystical Experiences, Alternative Medicines, Miscellaneous).
1. Pick 3 topics from the list below and order them in terms of your preference. Turn in your preferences at the beginning of class on Weds. In most cases, you will be assigned your 1st choice, but depending on class size and student interests, you may be assigned your 2nd or 3rd choice.
2. If you'd like to present on a topic that doesn't appear below, write it down and I will contact you on how to proceed. (Make sure to also write down 2nd and 3rd choices, too.)

<p>Intelligent Design (Creationism)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID and the fossil record • ID and age of the Earth • ID and the courts <p>Dinosaur Extinctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical context: uniformitarianism vs catastrophism • The impact hypothesis • The volcanism hypothesis • Impact crater dating methods <p>Psychic Phenomena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESP (extra sensory perception) • Paranormal activity (ghosts, demonic possession) • Psychic readings • Near-death/out-of-body experiences • Prophetic dreams • Channeling <p>UFOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sightings • Intelligent life in the universe • Abductions • Area 51 • Ancient astronauts <p>Astrology and Mystical Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrology • Numerology • Biorhythms • Moon madness • Mystical experiences 	<p>Intelligence, IQ, genetic testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence testing • Nature vs nurture (intelligence) • Genetic testing <p>Alternative Medicines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herbal remedies • Homeopathy • Acupuncture • Faith healing • Smart drugs <p>Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence I: temperature rise, warming oceans, shrinking ice sheets • Evidence II: glacial retreat, decreased snow cover, sea level rise • Evidence III: declining arctic sea ice, extreme events, ocean acidification • Climate change and public policy <p>Public Health Controversies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetically modified foods/organisms • Vaping • AIDs denialism • Vaccine critics <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cryozoology (Choose one: Big Foot, Loch Ness Monster, Mothmen, etc.) • Cold fusion • Warp drive • Dowsing
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