Why You Should Consider... (My Favorite Academic Field/Activity/Personal Commitment in four Slides)

Power Point Presentation Requirements

Using Microsoft PowerPoint 2010, create a presentation with 4 slides to explain a concept in your area of major academic interest or personal social commitment. This is a persuasive “marketing” presentation that will show other students why your chosen area is worthy of pursuit – and why they should consider it – think of it as a recruiting tool or an infomercial.

General areas within your chosen field could include such things as:

- A specific scientific process
- A small but decisive historical event
- “Snapshot” biography of a world political leader or cultural hero
- A favorite work of literature or art
- Current ecological issues
- A song, book or poem that changed society (positively or negatively)

Don’t overwhelm your audience with generalities. BE SPECIFIC. For example, if your area of interest is Organic Chemistry, you might do a brief four-slide presentation on one small but fascinating aspect of the discovery of DNA.

Your presentation should include:

- **Title slide**
  - Title slide should have an appropriate title with the name of the presentation – you may include other required elements (such as a screen capture) on this slide along with your name, computer number and class time.
  - **graphics**, including an image downloaded from the Website and inserted into the presentation, (if website has no images, you may download an image from another site.)
  - **a screen capture** one of the Websites that you use in your presentation
  - one or more slide transitions (wipe, fade, etc.)
  - an **animated effect** (words that fly or fade in and out, etc.)
  - an appropriate **animated gif** image that you make yourself especially for your PPT OR ...
  - **a video clip of yourself giving a brief sound bite for your subject**.
  - a hyperlink to a Website you used in your research
  - A **bibliography** in MLA style hyperlinked to the sources you used – this should be on the final slide but that slide can contain other information.

- **Excellence of design**, quality of graphics and specificity of topic - very important part of your grade
- Presentation should take about two to three minutes - OK if it runs over or under a bit. (30 sec) – you may set time or time it manually

Your presentation should be:

- named **usernamepresentation** (jbelislepresentation.pptx, for example)
- inside the folder **19presentusername** in your computer skills groups folder.
- **And...all associated files - sound, video etc.** - should be inside this same folder

Be prepared to make your three minute presentation to the class – print out any notes in advance!!