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

PowerPoint Presentation Requirements

Using Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, create a presentation with 4 slides to explain a concept in your area of major academic interest (see me for other possibilities). This is a persuasive “marketing” presentation that will show prospective students why your chosen area is worthy of pursuit – and why they should consider it – think of it as a recruiting tool.

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

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 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 **short video clip** of your choice
- 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**
- **Presentation should be timed to run for 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 **20present** 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!!