

THTR 250

Introduction to Design

Fall 2020

The A, B, C's of giving a presentation

A presentation is a way we can experience your work.

Always:

- Present the work as if it is the best you can do.
- Present the work with pride
- Be professional and serious. Take a moment capture your audience
- Make sure your work is clean and pristine and addresses the project. The way you present it is almost as important as the content of the project itself.
- Give your full attention to your classmates when they present.
- Be polite
- Be critical, as in with critical thinking.
- Make sure any criticism is constructive. This doesn't mean you have to like everything, but there are many ways of asking a question.
- Tell us something about the creation of the work
- Give your presentation focus - know what you are going to say, and say just enough to make sure we get key information.
- Make contact with your audience. If you have your head down, we won't get what your ideas are.
- Trust your audience!

Never:

- Apologize for your work. It is a piece of your soul.
- Demean or ridicule another presenter
- Don't drone on. be concise, but use your time to inform us.
- Don't over tell - It's like reading a powerpoint to your audience...

Important that we all agree and understand that the work is just an indicator of the process - the process is what is important, the work is changeable and disposable to create a better process. We can't get used to holding the work up as so precious, that it is unable to change.

Questions to ask for presentations:

- what was your process?
- what did you learn?
- how did you push yourself outside your comfort zone - or did you?
- why did you make your choices
- how would you change what you have done

Remember: everyone is going to have to do the presentation - we are all in the same boat. Don't get nervous. This is a powerful way we can all learn together. If we have to present over Zoom, we will talk about pointers...