



## FREN 1020

### ORAL PRESENTATION (5% of your grade)

You'll each be asked to do a **2- to 3-minute presentation individually in French** on a topic related to what we've covered in class this semester.

### Description

- You can choose **any subject/theme/cultural topic from the book for the Modules 6-9**. It can also include other material you learned in Modules 1-5, but the main focus should be something from this semester.
- Since a big focus of FREN 1020 has been talking about what you or other people have done in the past, **at least part of your presentation must talk about something that happened in the past** and include appropriate use of the *passé composé* and *imparfait*.
- Try to pick something that will be **interesting and/or fun** for you! (The « Scope and Sequence » on pages x and xi of the index or flipping through the pages can help you choose.)
- I'll pass around a **sign-up sheet** for presentations. **Your topic needs to be approved before your presentation**. If I think the topic will be too hard or easy for you at this level, I can help you find an alternate topic.

### Guidelines

- The presentation **MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK** (no copying, no online translator, no tutor/friend's help).
- You can **make a PowerPoint, shoot (or narrate) a video, write on the white board, make a poster, or use other media** to help you present, but the **majority of your presentation must involve you speaking**. You have to **speak French** the whole time. Any supporting materials must also be written/said in French.
- Your presentation will be graded on **content** (is the information you're presenting orally & visually well organized, interesting, etc.?), **vocab** (are the words you use accurate and appropriate?), **fluency** (does your language flow together?), **pronunciation** (can we understand what you're saying?), & **grammar** (are the structures appropriate and correct?).
- **You do NOT need to use any outside sources** for your presentation. **If you choose to**, you should **CITE clearly** what specific web address you got any info from (not just "Google search"), what book and page you found it in, etc. **You should NOT just copy from Wikipedia** or another source, but read and decide a few key ideas or details you want to include **in your own words**. Any brief word-for-word citations **MUST** be in quotation marks.
- You're expected to **be there to present at the beginning of class** on the day you sign up for. **Important: If you miss without a valid excuse, you will NOT be able to make it up.**

### Final advice

- **Please do NOT go overboard** with complicated content, vocab, grammar, etc. **You should stick mostly to vocabulary and structures you already know**, otherwise your audience (and possibly you) may not understand what you're saying. You will likely need to look up some occasional words/expressions in the book or a good dictionary, or you can ask me.
- Your French is **NOT** expected to be perfect – many of you have only been learning French for a couple of semesters – but you are expected to give your best effort in preparing and delivering your presentation. The idea is for you to **communicate** in French using what you've learned so far.
- **Try not to be too nervous; have fun** with your presentation and do the best you can! 😊