

Seminar IIB 54 Other People's Lives (Biographical Writing)

Presentation Guidelines

1. Write a script to accompany an imaginative, well-researched and interesting Powerpoint Presentation with video or audio clips to highlight your Presentation. Presentation time = max 15 minutes.
2. Base your script about 50% on your essay but use the presentation as a chance to expand on your essay and say things about your diarist and his/her time that you haven't said in your essay. As in your essay, the focus is on the diarist and the diary, but the approach and dynamic are different.
3. This is a spoken presentation. Written language doesn't always work when it's spoken or read out, so please don't just recite your essay. Write and illustrate a thought-provoking script that works as a sort of voice-over to the life in and around your diary and your diarist.
4. Maximum video time: half your Presentation. We need your thoughts and ideas and explanations, with video / Youtube and other media are there to lend visual and audio power to your argument. Don't let them take over.
5. Have a structure: make sure you have an Introduction and a Conclusion and an argument in between. Don't leave us wondering what your point is or how well you understand the person whose diary you have studied for nearly 3 months. Develop your case. The lives in your diaries may be vague and messy. Your task to throw light on them.
6. Your Presentation can take a completely different approach to the approach you have taken in your essay. If you have thoroughly studied your diary and quoted from it and made it the focus of your essay, then you may have less to say about your diarist, and feel freer to take a different, broader approach. Above all, in your Presentation, tell us something we don't know.
7. Each of you will have worked hard to make this presentation. You deserve attention and scrutiny. Please join the Q&A after each Presentation.
8. When you've finished your presentation, please email the ppt. document to me at [occonnor \[at\] emobile.ne.jp](mailto:occonnor[at]emobile.ne.jp)