

# Assignment: PowerPoint Presentation

## What is it

PowerPoint is a presentation tool used to present information verbally, while including visual information. Mostly used during face-to-face applications, PowerPoint can also be used in online learning by asking your students to include their script with each slide.

## Why use it

We have all heard the horrors of badly presented Power Point presentations. Yet, this type of presentation is an authentic skill employer's value and the type of real-world writing skill students need to flourish in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

A PowerPoint presentation is a demanding assignment and would be relevant to many courses. As in other writing assignments, students must research, evaluate material, and present it in a concise, readable way.

A PowerPoint presentation is an assignment that mirrors "real word" applications outside the classroom. Research shows that student's value assignments that they believe will be useful in their careers.

## How to use it

A PowerPoint presentation makes an excellent assignment that replaces an essay. For online courses, require students to include their script on the notes section of each slide. You may also ask students to record each slide; however, this step makes very large files and may be difficult for online students to upload to BlackBoard and for you to grade.

Provide instructions on how to design a PowerPoint presentation, available on the teaching website. Consider using peer review for PowerPoint presentations, as this will give your students valuable feedback on their projects. Also, by critiquing their peer's projects, students can often see the flaws in their own.

## Resources

- [What is good presentation design?](#)
  - This link is an excellent source on designing PowerPoint slides.