

## Oral Presentation Assignment

Clemente Course in the Humanities™

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FOR MONDAY 5/11: THINK ABOUT THE OPTIONS BELOW. COME TO CLASS PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT WHICH OPTION YOU WILL CHOOSE, DO SOME ORGANIZATIONAL WORK, AND DO SOME PRACTICE SPEAKING!

Your assignment is to demonstrate your competent public speaking skills by making a 3-5 minute presentation. Take care to construct an argument with clear claims supported by specific evidence (such as examples). You should include approximately 3 main ideas or claims, that you will support with evidence.

Your presentation should feature an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Use the elements of effective public speaking and good writing that you have learned this year!

**Option 1:** What I have learned from my Clemente experience.

Identify 3 specific things you have learned from this experience. These may be academic skills, personal qualities you hold, values that have been reinforced, or concepts you have found significant and interesting.

Your presentation should identify and describe what you have learned through careful organization and specific examples.

**Option 2:** How my Clemente experience will change my world.

Identify 2-3 ways in which your Clemente experience has or will change the way you live your life. For example, if you walk away from Clemente with a renewed commitment to active engagement in your community, you may become a more vocal advocate for your neighborhood. Or, you may have a stronger desire to pursue more education – how will education change your world?

Think creatively about the connection between your Clemente experience and the world you live in. Your presentation should explore that connection through careful organization of your main ideas and specific examples.

