

Language and Mind: Information on Final Paper and Presentations

Overview: For the remainder of the quarter you will be working on an individual research paper as well as a group project presentation. You will work in groups of 4 (ideally), and your group should share a common theme, though each individual will have a different sub-topic within that theme. Your group will meet several times in class in sessions listed below to discuss your findings, provide feedback on drafts, share research strategies, and prepare a final presentation. Your group will be assigned to work primarily with David or Rachel, depending on your topic. You will also have opportunities to consult with Paul McMillin (reference librarian) on the research process.

Specifications: Your individual research paper should be about 8 pages long (double-spaced), should synthesize material that you bring together from several (at least 4-6) different peer-reviewed sources, should be well-organized and written in carefully edited academic prose. No matter how experienced you are as a writer, you should consider visiting the Writing Center to consult with tutors about drafts of your paper.

Your final presentation will be in Week 10. A group of 4 should expect to have roughly 30 minutes to present, though the final schedule will depend on the total number of groups.

Timeline:

Week 4, Friday (Today): Finalize group membership and topic. **Submit your topic, list of members, and brief statement** about each student's paper plans by the end of class.

Week 5, Friday: Project group meetings in class. **Initial Project Proposals due** by the end of class, including a statement of the scope of each individual paper, and the expected scope of the final group presentation.

Week 6, TUESDAY: **Bibliography for individual papers due** (including at least 4 peer-reviewed articles or book chapters).

FRIDAY: Project meetings in class. **Final Project Proposals due.** These should be developed by the group during the prior week and should consist of a 1-2 page joint statement of your plans for the final presentation, and the scope of each paper.

Week 7, Friday: **Outlines of the individual research papers due** today (1-2 pages each). Bring 4 copies to distribute to other members of your group for a peer review workshop. Each group will also give a brief presentation of their general approach to their topic.

Week 8, Friday: Project meetings in class.

Week 9, TUESDAY: **Individual Research papers due.**

WED. & FRI.: Group meetings, and meetings with faculty about presentations.

Week 10, Tues., Wed., Fri.: **Team presentations.**