

Dear Professor Belli and readers,

While creating this research project, a whole number of things while doing research for both the PowerPoint and the Individual Sources project got me thinking a little bit on how aliens impact society. Even more so than what I had thought originally before choosing this topic. I had to gather a good amount of evidence to make a decent project work out and finding some stuff only wanted me to look further into this topic and I found so many things that I was not aware of. While first having the conference with Belli, I was already set with my topic as I have seen nobody do this before. I did have another topic in mind if this were already taken or shot down, which would have been on dinosaurs. She told me that my work was good, but that the work I had shown was too broad and wordy, so I cut down paragraphs and separated them into different slides and bullet points. The question was also fine but was also too broad, along with the answer being too wordy so I extended the question and cut down on the answer to simplify it. The comments and conference helped me to improve the presentation, even if it may still not seem like my best, I did take those into account. Also because of doing this project, I am now interested in seeing some alien movies such as Arrival and E.T, Arrival being more present in the matter.

The lightning presentation had 4 problems from what I can gather:

1. Too wordy on the slides.
2. Not even graphics to spice it up.
3. Needs more references.
4. Connect how this relates to Science Fiction.

Thanks to these suggestions, I was able to greatly fix up the project to be quicker, thought out and clean. For the presentation, I did not really do any sort of practice before hand and I was mainly reading off what I had on the slides. Which was not a bad thing but should be something that I could work on in the future. (or this Thursday!) This still gave me the help I needed to improve it. I find the final product to be good, although I might end up doing some final edits before it becomes my turn to present.

I am not the kind of person who can present easily, let alone talk in the class. I am quite shy when it comes to this stuff but if I must do it for a grade, I will do it. Even if I end up being a nervous wreck, I will still say that I at least did this. This has been a bit stressful to do being that most of this big stuff is along finals week in which these tests are yet to be available, but I still gave it my all. I do believe my project turned out ok, and I will do my best to present as good as it can be. Thanks for a great semester and I hope you all have a great winter break.
Happy holidays!

Sincerely,
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