

MTEC 1101: Emerging Media Foundation
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Activity #0

Soon, we'll be working in groups. The final project of our second unit involves building a presentation. I want to give you a low-stakes opportunity to work on a presentation first.

This activity is a chance for you to work on a presentation that will help you introduce yourself to your new group.

Learning Objectives:

- articulate your identity and interests
- learn to design a presentation
- speak to an audience of your peers

Writing is Thinking:

Take a second and write out answers to the following questions:

Who are you? What is your name, your pronouns? What other information may be relevant?

Where are you from? Be as general or specific as you like – and feel free to say more than one place!

What do you do? When you're not in class, what do you get up to?

What inspires you? Who is doing what you want to do? Who or what do you admire or emulate?

What do you value? What is important? What makes life worth living? What renews your spirit?

After you've written it out, work on *thinking visually* about your answers. For each of the five questions, *draw* an answer to the question.

It doesn't have to be good – and it's kind of fun if it isn't! A quick sketch for each question will do just fine!

Build The Presentation:

Using a program such as KeyNote, Google Slides, OpenOffice Presentation, or Microsoft Powerpoint, **produce a brief five slide presentation that addresses the five questions I've listed above.**

Each slide may only use a limited amount of text: the question, and some *brief* form of answer.

Each slide should, instead, *show* rather than *tell* the answer to each question. Feel free to use your sketches from the first part of the exercise – but also, there are all kinds of other images! Photographs, screenshots, videos, clip art – explore the medium!

Most presentation software have some kind of library of existing images you can use; Microsoft Powerpoint has a rich library of licensed stock photos and clip art, for example, but even the most basic presentation software will have *some* kind of imagery you can use.

What is this for?

In our second unit, you'll give this presentation to your group members so that:

- 1) You can have experience speaking in front of an audience.
- 2) You can all get to know one another better, more quickly, which will help you work better faster, and have more fun.

BONUS POINTS: Involve some kind of time-based media: video, audio, or similar.