

GROUP PROJECT GUIDELINES

During the semester, you will complete a project for one of the three class themes: Evolution, Ecology & Ecosystems, or Human Health & Disease. You and a partner will research a topic, write an outline of your work, and present your work based on the project guidelines at the beginning of the appropriate section.

Though you will work as a group, your individual performance will also be evaluated based on your individual participation effort. If you drop the ball and let your classmate down, they will have the chance to describe your participation level on the internal review form, which is turned in following the presentations. Make sure you have gathered together (physically or via Zoom) and met as a team. This allows each group member to review the content in the outline and practice the presentation (see Appendix A).

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

There are TWO exercises (totaling 50pts) that make up the group projects:

Outline: (20points) (Due date is indicated on the lab schedule on pg. 2.)

To help get you started with your research, an outline will be due two weeks before the presentation. This allows instructors to provide feedback and gives you the opportunity to make revisions before the presentations. Keep in mind that the outline will be used as the framework for your presentations, so use it to help guide your research and find the information you would like to share. Do not forget to include properly cited references! Remember to find at least 1 legitimate source per individual, and properly cite them in the outline, the works cited section, and the presentation (see Appendix A).

Presentation: (30 points) (Due date is indicated on the lab schedule on pg. 2.)

Once outlines have been submitted and revised, the last lab period of each section will be devoted to class presentations. Presentations should be made using PowerPoint, which is a useful program to become familiar with. Take advantage of the opportunity to practice and learn/re-learn it well! The presentations will be 10-15 minutes in length, followed by a mandatory question and answer period (see Appendix A).