Giving Your Second Presentation

Now that you have begun to investigate the topic of digital piracy and to collect evidence-based ideas and opinions about this topic, you are ready to present your own views on this issue. Along with having a captivating title and an attention-getting device, your presentation should also contain illustrative data points, screenshots, and/or concrete examples. In particular, at least one of your slides should contain a research-based finding that you derived from a research article.

Moreover, your presentation should feature an opinion that you discovered during the interview(s) that you conducted for a previous writing assignment. Finally, during your presentation you should leverage at least one of the “templates” provided in the They Say/I Say book. For instance, you might use a template such a “At the same time that I believe _____, I also believe _____” or “The standard way of thinking about digital piracy is that _____. Since your presentation involves you entering an ongoing debate about a controversial topic, you may also consider using templates like “In discussions of digital piracy, one controversial issue has been _____. On the one hand, _____ argues ____. On the other hand, _____ contends _____. My own view on digital piracy is ______.” As suggested in the Demystifying Public Speaking book, you should ensure that your presentation has “takeaways” that are easy for the audience to recognize and understand.

After picking a partner with whom you will have an “editor-presenter” relationship, you should create a new GitHub repository for your presentation using a similar naming convention to the one introduced in the previous presentation assignment. The source code for your presentation will be hosted in a new GitHub repository and displayed by the RawGit content delivery network (CDN). After finishing this assignment you should be able to view both a local version of your slides running on your development computer and a publicly visible version of the slides that are available in both GitHub and RawGit. Finally, your slides should contain enough content to ensure that they support you giving a talk that lasts for between three and five minutes.

Your focus should be on the preparation of simple slides that help you to make your main point. If your schedule permits, you are welcome to enhance the slide template that you created in the previous practical assignment by, for instance, changing the background and/or highlight colors and picking new fonts. Once you have finished preparing your slides, you should ensure that your editor gives you feedback on the content of each slide and the flow between the slides. After ensuring that you have resolved all of the concerns raised by your editor, you should also practice giving the presentation to your editor and your colleagues not in this class. You should deliver your practice talks in our classroom, further ensuring that you can quickly locate and display your slides.

Once you have finished your presentation slides, you should create a link to them on your web site. Along with giving the title of your presentation, you should include the date on which your talk will be given and, optionally, an image from or a screenshot of one of your slides.
Summary of the Required Deliverables

This writing assignment invites you to complete the following deliverables. After completing the assignment, please make sure that you submit a printed version of these items to the instructor.

1. Presentation slides, hosted in a separate GitHub repository, suitable for a five-minute talk.
2. Evidence in the GitHub issue tracker for the frequent discussion and revision of your slides.
3. Reviews, through multiple GitHub issues and a full-featured discussion, of your peers’ slides.
4. An entry in the listing of presentations on your web site for your new presentation.

In adherence to the Honor Code, students should complete the main parts of this assignment on an individual basis. While you can and should incorporate feedback from your editor, any deliverables that are nearly identical to the work of others will be taken as evidence of violating Allegheny College’s Honor Code. Please see the course instructor with questions about this policy.