

Research Papers and Presentations

Working in groups of no more than five (5), you will be expected to complete a final group paper and give a final group PowerPoint presentation to the class on a topic of your choice. **Each group will submit their proposed topic and a list of group members to me in writing by February 11, 2002 (submittals may be made via e-mail).** I will schedule group presentations once all topics have been finalized. Your PowerPoint presentation should be no more than 20 minutes long and should involve all group members. **Additionally, the group will submit a group paper discussing your collective ideas about your research topic no later than April 22, 2002.** Students should use **MLA Style** for citing sources. I will also be glad to read rough drafts and offer suggestions to any group interested in such assistance.

Part of each student's grade will include a component awarded by the group. Since a "group paper and presentation" requires "group" participation, students who refuse to assist their group can expect to receive substantially lower grades on the project. As a result, **each group will assign 15 points of the final paper grade** to ensure an adequate representation of group participation. These grades will be assigned anonymously. Each of you will rate your group members on a scale of 1 to 15, and I will average the results to arrive at this portion of the paper grade.

Scoring Scale for Group Papers

Content	60 points
Grammar and Technical Aspects	25 points
Group Participation	15 points

Sample Topics

- Recyclables Markets
- Is Microsoft a Monopoly?
- Agricultural Subsidies and How They Work
- Agricultural Price Supports and How They Work
- Economic Effect of Unions on Wages
- Health Care Markets
- Stem Cell Research from the Economic Viewpoint
- The Pros and Cons of Market for Human Organs (see page 467 of text for ideas)
- The Prescription Drug Markets (good idea to limit to one or two drugs or one company and analyze it)
- Economic Effects of the AIDs Crisis in Africa or in the United States
- Natural Resource Markest (like gold, oil, etc.)
- Commodities Markets
- And many others