**Presentations**

The goal of the presentation is to give you an opportunity to exercise your public speaking skills (even if done via the internet). Everyone hates speaking publicly; one way to separate yourself from your competition in all aspects of life is to come to enjoy speaking before an audience.

The requirements are as follows:

* Deliver a recorded presentation via Kaltura, using images (delivered via PowerPoint, Prezi, or Google Slides) as well as speech.
* In this presentation, lasting 8-10 minutes, you should
  + Introduce the topic with a thesis statement;
  + Give a summary of the topic;
  + Communicate its importance to American history;
  + Tell us some aspect of the topic that is in historical dispute (that is: about which historians disagree);

and

* + Provide relevant visual aids that improve our understanding. (Tip: avoid video. Invariably it either refuses to function properly, or takes up too much of your limited time.)
* To create your presentation you will:
  + Consult at least two primary sources, and three secondary sources (I recommend GALILEO and JSTOR for these), none of which can be internet-only.[[1]](#footnote-1)
  + Include as your final slide your bibliography, in whichever format your major uses (or MLA if you are undeclared). Cite *all* sources consulted, whether included in the presentation materials or not.
  + Limit yourself to only a few words on your slides; too many and it becomes difficult to read. Choose your images carefully, and be sure to get larger-format pictures for better clarity of image. I recommend black backgrounds for slides – the contrast helps the viewer.
  + Complete your presentation file, and then record yourself giving it, using Kaltura. Post your video via D2L by midnight the night before you present. I will play the presentations for each day at the beginning of the class video session.

1. Published materials that you access via an internet format are not “internet-only sources.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)