

Oral Presentation Instructions

- Introduce yourself and the main topic.
- Offer a few questions about your project to your audience as a start. Make sure you will answer these questions in your talk.
- You'll be graded on professionalism—make eye contact with your audience, stand up straight, speak loudly and clearly, pronounce words properly, don't use "like", "uh", or use long pauses. Be professional, but relaxed. Just tell us what you did.
- You may use a visual aid if you'd like, but it may not be your display board.
- Do not read your report. You are an expert on your topic. Share what you have learned. Basically, just tell what you did, and what you learned.
- Guide us through your Scientific Method, including Problem, Hypothesis, Variables, Procedure, Data, Analysis, Research, Conclusion
- Elaborate on why your experiment turned out the way it did.
- Your presentation should be between four and five minutes.
- Audience members should be respectful, attentive and show appreciation through polite applause.

Display Board Instructions

- First, be sure that you're familiar with the Display Plan Sheet.
- Buy a 48" x 36" board at your favorite office supply store for about \$7.
- Your display board should have the following pieces:
 - a title
 - headings for each section
 - several types of visuals--photos, drawings, graphs, charts
 - a physical aid of some sort that sits in front of your board
 - a copy of your report in a pouch
 - an additional extra copy of the title page of your report
 - not your name, school, grade, or age anywhere else
- Your board should clearly show how you completed an experiment by using the Scientific Method. It should be organized from left to right, top to bottom as you proceed through the Scientific Method.
- Label the steps of the Scientific Method, and then show what you did for each step.
- Everything should be neat, clear, large, and bold, and most things need to be typed.
- Include captions and credits for each visual aid.
- Spend some time making your display board creative, interesting, attractive, exciting, (even fascinating?)
- The judges are looking for clarity. Don't include things that aren't directly related to your project, or make your display confusing. Make sure each of your points is clear. Can someone look at your display board and immediately understand your experiment? Can someone look at your display board and immediately understand each part of the Scientific Method in your experiment?
- The judges are also looking for neatness. Is everything organized, spelled properly, taped invisibly, colorful, interesting, and neat?