

Brief Guidelines for Book Presentation (10/13/04)

The book presentation should last about eight minutes. You will be expected to stand in front of the classroom.

1. Begin first by discussing why you chose your particular movement (personal interest, curiosity, etc.).
2. Place the movement you read about in the broader historical context within which it took place.
3. Identify some particular reasons why the movement arose when it did.
4. Discuss the particular focus of the manuscript (perhaps on an individual phase of the movement) and describe how it informed a broader understanding of the movement as a whole. This is where you give a description of the book content itself.
5. Outline the issue(s) you chose to focus on from the book review assignment. This will be the heart of the presentation. Be sure to discuss why the issue(s) were important for the movement.
6. Did you learn anything about the movement that you did not know before? Any particular facts that surprised you about the movement?
7. Provide a brief assessment of how the author did, and also discuss the data source(s) used by the author.