

Presentation: Theatre Artist Research

Name: _____

Theater Artist: _____

Printed Sources Due: **Monday, March 27, in class**

Works Cited Due: **Monday, April 3, by midnight**

Presentation Date:

Wednesday, April 5

Monday, April 10

Wednesday, April 12

For our presentations, you will be performing research about a theatre artist and presenting what you learn to the class. Follow these steps to complete your assignment!

1. **Research to locate two or more websites about your assigned theatre artist.**
Remember to use only reliable websites, such as nytimes.com, tonyawards.com, and playbill.com. Do not use *Ask*, *About*, *eNotes*, *Schmoop*, *Gradesaver*, *eHow*, *Answers.com*, *Wikipedia* or any site that begins with “wiki”! Some biographical and career information to look for includes the following – remember to focus on theatre work.

When and where was this person born?
How did he/she get started in show business?
What is this person’s role in the theatre?
What plays has he/she worked on?
What are some of his/her achievements?
For what is this person most well-known? Why?
When did he/she die, or what is he/she doing now?
Is it possible to see his or her work performed today? What and where?
Is this person involved in a show we are studying?
2. **Print out your sources and bring them to class on Monday, March 27.** On that day, we will start your Works Cited page in class.
3. **Complete an MLA-style Works Cited page for your sources by Monday, April 3.**
Instructions for MLA style are attached and available in eCampus. E-mail me your Works Cited page as a Microsoft Word attachment by midnight. A sample is attached!
4. **Prepare your presentation index cards.** The presentation must be **2-4 minutes**. Using index cards, prepare notes for your presentation using information from both sources. Organize your presentation as we discussed in class and according to the PDF instructions in eCampus. You may NOT print a speech to read to the class. You may only use the index cards as a reference.

5. **Practice your presentation.** Practice your presentation in front of a mirror, a friend, or a family member in order to get comfortable and make sure it meets the time requirement! If your presentation is less than 2 minutes, you will need to present again. You may not read your presentation from paper, index cards, or a PowerPoint. If you read your presentation, you will need to present again.
6. **Present to the class on your assigned date.** You must present on your assigned date in order to receive full credit. Late presentations will lose points.

Presentation tips

1. Dress professionally for your presentation. This means being 100% in dress code!
2. Do not present with gum, a mint, or candy in your mouth.
3. Speak clearly and expressively, like a professional who loves the subject. If you seem bored, we will be bored!
4. While speaking, use proper grammar and professional language.
5. Smile and make eye contact with the class and not just the professor.
6. Do not fidget, rock back and forth, or slump over on the podium while speaking.
7. Presenters must answer at least one question after the presentation.

Extra credit: You may earn extra credit on your presentation by using visual aids, such as photos, video, or PowerPoint. These must be prepared in advance and brought to class on a USB drive or emailed to me the day before your presentation to project from the computer.

If you have any questions, let me know!

Plaza College MLA Style Sheet: Preparing a Works Cited Page
Presented by the Academic Resources Center

Tips for Formatting an MLA Works Cited Page:

- Use standard Times New Roman, 12 point font.
- Works Cited should be centered at the top of the page. Do not bold or underline.
- All citations should be double spaced with a hanging indent paragraph format.
- Works Cited pages are always arranged in alphabetical order according to the first word of the citation (ignore the words “a,” “an,” and “the” when alphabetizing).
- Source titles must follow standard rules for capitalization.
- “Article Titles” will be in quotation marks, and *Publication Titles* (such as magazines, newspapers, websites, and databases) will be in italics.
- The MLA format for recording dates is the number of the day, the month (abbreviated), and the year. (Example: 25 Oct. 2015.) Abbreviate as follows: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec.

Works Cited Format for Pages on a Website:

Basic Format:

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Specific Page.” *Name of Website*, Name of Publisher, Date of Publication, www.websiteaddress.com.

Example:

Corrigan, Maureen. “Lillian Hellman: A ‘Difficult,’ Vilified Woman.” *NPR Books*, NPR, 26 Apr. 2012, www.npr.org/2012/04/26/150727939/lillian-hellman-a-difficult-vilified-woman.

Notes:

- If the source has no author, no date, or no sponsor, you may skip this part and go to the next item. However, you should be suspicious of a website if it is missing all of these items!
- If the publisher is the same as the website title, you do not need to list the publisher again.
- When listing the URL, permalink, or DOI (Digital Object Identifier), **do not** include <http://> or <https://>. You **should** include [www.](http://) if needed.

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Works Cited

Corrigan, Maureen. "Lillian Hellman: A 'Difficult,' Vilified Woman." *NPR*, 26 Apr. 2012, www.npr.org/2012/04/26/150727939/lillian-hellman-a-difficult-vilified-woman.

"The Lives of Lillian Hellman." *American Masters*, WNET, 30 Dec. 2001, www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/lillian-hellman-about-lillian-hellman/628/.