

Guidelines for Preparing Your Wrangler Presentation

The underlying purpose of a Wrangler presentation...is to **instigate a good wrangle**.

So **choose a topic that carries some controversy**— something that has aspects that are debatable... or that suggests one or more different interpretations or points of view...or that presents a significant social or geopolitical problem that cries for a solution: “Keep The Death Penalty?”... “Science Or Religion?”... “Do Away With Professional Football?”

First thing to do once you’ve chosen your topic...pull up five or six “issues” relating to it— specific points worth wrangling. *Then* go to work. Build in specific chunks of information that *speak directly to these wrangling points*. By all means, reflect your own point of view, but do include what you know as the opposing or “other” side of things.

Once your presentation is ready, look again at your list of wrangling points and edit/add as you see fit. **You should send this list is out to everyone in advance**, as part of the description of your talk. If yours is an intriguing topic— **with interesting points to debate** — Wranglers will be more prepared to participate in a hearty wrangling discussion.

Going to use slides with your presentation??

- If so, first— let Bill Dowling know (dowling@uw.edu, 206-954-1819)
 - Save your slide presentation as a PDF.
 - E-mail the PDF to: morgan.wescliff@eraliving.com (Aljoya)
 - Then, phone Morgan Wescliff, (206-232-5052), and arrange to meet with him no later than Monday or Tuesday the week of your presentation...to run through your slides on Aljoya's laptop to make sure that everything will run smoothly for your talk.
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Delivering Your Presentation

Shoot for a half-hour talk. This will leave a good time for wrangling.

Know your talk well enough so you can sustain eye contact with your audience while presenting. Whatever you do— **do not read your talk!**

If you’re using slides...**keep bullet points short... don’t cram slides with lengthy sentences or paragraphs.**

And then, **don’t read them!** Instead, paraphrase and/or elaborate them. **Think of your slides as an outline of your talk.** Your bullet points should really be your notes to *you* of the things you want to talk about.

Don't make every slide look the same (i.e., title/bullets, title/bullets). Get some layout ideas from your favorite magazines. Finally...the use of photos/images, *with little or no text*, is tremendously effective.