

## Writing Center Handouts

### Guide to Successful Presentations

#### Building Your Presentation:

- **Keep it short, Concise & Efficient:** try to avoid losing your peers focus by ensuring you are presenting your ideas clearly and to the point.
- **Connect the Current Classroom Content:** relate your presentation to classroom material for better peer engagement.
- **Effective PowerPoint Use:**
  - **Consider using multiple modes:** enhance understanding with visuals such as pictures or short videos, audios such as sound effect, gestural such as body language, spatial such as hyperlinks.
  - **Limit Text on Slides:** Avoid overwhelming peers with too much text; try to be concise on the slides and you can explain in more detail while you are presenting.
  - **Consider Handouts:** for detailed information, provide handouts or takeaways for future references.
- **Peer Feedback:** rehearse your presentation with peers for constructive feedback and preparation.

#### Keeping Students Engaged:

- **Eye Contact:** Look at your audience while talking and keep yourself informed if they look confused or not being able to follow. Respond accordingly.
- **Ask Questions:** Encourage interactions by posing questions to your peers.
- **Brainstorming Sessions:** consider beginning your presentation with brainstorming to help get started with content.
- **In-Class Activities & Group Work:**
  - **TIPS Strategy:** Use Think, Ink, Pair Share for effective engagement.
  - **Assign Roles:** In group activities, assign roles to ensure every participant feels comfortable contributing.
- **Utilize Technology:**
  - **Kahoot, Wordle, and More:** Integrate interactive tools like the above platforms to make your presentation more enjoyable and interactive!