

Unit 3 Project: Modern Friendship Podcast

Due: M 10/22 11:59 pm PST

You (and your group) will make a podcast on friendship and/or love. This should be submitted via Canvas by the due date. I recommend using an accessible audio file (e.g., mp3, wav, etc.). Other options (e.g., youtube) may be permitted if requested.

I. Guidelines for individual/group podcasts

- You may work individually or in groups of up to 4 people.
- The podcasts should be approximately 7-12 minutes long. If you're working individually, 7 minutes is a good target. If you have a 4-person group, then 12 minutes will be more appropriate. Two-person groups should have podcasts around 9 minutes, etc.
- If you have a group, make sure that everyone speaks equally! (This will be a component of the group grade.)

II. Elements of the podcast

- Content (8 pts.)
 - You must find a way to incorporate the main points of TWO of the readings for this unit. (3 pts. each)
 - For instance, if you talk about Aristotle, you could include what he says about the three different types of friendship.
 - The readings don't have to be the main focus of the podcast, but you have to bring them in and make them relevant. For instance, if you're doing a podcast on long-lasting relationships, this could be as simple as saying, "according to Aristotle, friendships built on virtue last the longest..." and then explaining why Aristotle thinks this.
 - You should also comment on the points from the readings in some way. (1 pt. each)
 - For instance, in the Aristotle above, you could then agree or disagree and explain why. (e.g., maybe you have an example of a friendship built on virtue that did not last a long time).
- Organization (3 pts.)
 - Clearly explain the issue that you are exploring (1 pt.)
 - It should be clear how the points you make connect with each other and the overall issue. (2 pts.)
 - Cover all and only relevant material. (points can be subtracted for rambling)
 - The key to good organization is planning out the podcast beforehand. Don't just start talking and attempt to fill time!
- Creativity (4 pts.)
 - The overall set up of the podcast can be anything you want it to be! Ideas include an advice show, an investigative report, a dialogue, reality show etc.
 - Is the podcast engaging? Would one of your friends outside of this class want to listen to it?
- Balance (for groups) (points can be subtracted for lack of balance)
 - Does each member contribute an appropriate amount to the conversation?
 - Do the members thoughtfully converse with each other?

III. Pro tips!

- Come to office hours (as a group, if applicable) if you would like help! Don't forget that you can make an appointment if the normal hours don't work for you.
- Listen to podcasts to get ideas on what goes into a good podcast.
- You might check out Modern Love or TED Talks.