

## In-class Presentation Assignment Instructions

Prepare two **ten-minute** oral presentations on two selected authors that will teach your fellow students about those authors and their assigned works.

You may prepare a handout and/or a PowerPoint presentation to accompany your presentation if you wish, although it is not required.

What may you cover in your presentation?

- Important details from the author's life
- Major works
- Author's place in literary history
- Critical approaches to the author's work
- Close-reading of passages
- Interpretations of assigned chapters, poems, etc.

The point of your presentation is to give your students a better understanding of your author and her work:

- Help your fellow students understand dense poems and thorny narratives.
- Explain how events in the author's life inform her work.
- Do some research and tell us what scholars think of the author's work, how they categorize it, how they interpret it, what they debate about it, etc.

One final note: Strike a balance between biography and interpretation appropriate to the scheduling of your presentation (e.g. if someone has already presented on the biographical details of your author then do not cover those same details again).

Write down the day, date and topic of your two presentations here: \_\_\_\_\_

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