

CH 222 CLASS PRESENTATIONS FAQ

FAQ = Frequently Asked Questions

When: Monday March 3 (section 01) or Wednesday March 5 (sections H1 and W1)

What: A chance to share knowledge with your classmates and the MHCC community

Who: *Everyone enrolled in CH 222 (All Sections)*

What topic should I pick? For CH 222, the topic will be **compounds**. Pick a compound you find interesting and write a report on the topic. Since there are millions of compounds, every student must pick a different compound. **Reserve** your compound using the online form at <http://mhchem.org/cp222>

Once your compound has been chosen, begin researching interesting information on the compound using the library, internet, etc. You will be preparing a paper on the compound and presenting your work to the class in a short (five minute) presentation.

If you need to change your class presentation topic after the fourth week of class for any reason you will be penalized 20 points; hence, it's best to reserve a compound early and start researching promptly. Also, if you still have not reserved a compound by the end of the sixth week, you will be penalized 20 points for tardiness.

What should I know when writing the paper Prepare a paper that is at least **five full pages** of text on your reserved compound. Diagrams, pictures, and other graphics are wonderful, but you will need five full pages of writing for complete credit.

The paper should include a separate **cover sheet** with the title of your presentation and your name. The paper must be neat, typed, referenced, and interesting to read; spelling and grammar will count. The paper must use a "**reasonable**" font and font size (Times New Roman, Arial, etc. with size 12 or less); in addition, use **1" margins or less** (*I will measure!*) and **no more than "one and a half" spaced type** (less than double spaced.) If unsure, ask the instructor.

A **separate page with at least eight references** will be at the end of your paper. References within the paper and at the end should adhere to the "**Class Presentations Citation Guide**" (*found here:* <http://mhchem.org/cg>) For an *example* paper, see: <http://mhchem.org/expaper>

What is a peer reviewed scientific article? An important aspect of this assignment is to ensure scientific relevancy. To this end, **find two peer reviewed scientific articles published within the last ten years** that include a reference to your compound. **Include the abstracts of these papers with your final Class Presentation paper.**

How do I find my two peer reviewed scientific articles? A sure-fire way to access **peer-reviewed scientific articles** is through the MHCC library's article databases. Go here (<https://libguides.mhcc.edu/chemistryguide> - you may have to enter your MyMHCC username and password if you are off campus). Select **Articles** (on the left), then select **ScienceDirect College Edition** (under "Chemistry Databases") or **Academic Search Complete** (under "General Databases"), then search for your topic. **Remember**, your article citation should include the author(s), year of publication, journal title, title of paper, page number(s), volume of journal, etc. and you will need to include the abstract from the peer reviewed article (but not the entire article!) in your report.

Once you conduct a search for your presentation topic, you will likely have a mix of citation/abstract-only and citation/abstract + full-text (whole article) results. You **only** need the abstract for your paper - do not include the full article. Here is an **example** of a **peer-reviewed scientific paper with an abstract**: <http://mhchem.org/abstr>

Tell me about the Class Presentation Rough Draft Paper In the middle of the term you will be submitting a rough draft of your class presentation paper to the instructor. Ideally this will be the paper in a mostly complete format, but at the very least, two typed pages of text should be submitted.

The rough draft should include at least one peer reviewed scientific paper abstract (with its citation) as well as the **Rough Draft Class Presentation form** (<http://mhchem.org/rd2>) The Class Presentation Rough Draft paper is worth 20 points (out of 100 points total.)

What should I know when preparing for the presentation? You will be creating a five-minute **presentation** on your chosen subject. Sections 01 and H1 will give their presentation during a lab period to their peers; Section W1 will record themselves and upload the video to YouTube for the instructor to view. The presentation must be well prepared and interesting; sloppy preparation shows in the presentation portion. Students can use videos, presentation software (PowerPoint, etc.), posters and chalk to enhance their presentation. Presentation software users will be limited to a maximum of six slides; more invokes a penalty.

Section W1: I encourage students to record themselves on their phone, then upload the video to YouTube, etc.. You can send the link (to an **unlisted** video, not private) to me for watching later. I need to see **you** for 90% or more of the presentation for full credit.

Please note that using your paper (or a *copy* of your paper) during the presentation will result in a ten point penalty. This will prevent you from "reading" your presentation to the audience.

How will I be graded? There are 100 points total for this project. 40 points will reflect the work presented in the paper, 40 points will reflect the work done in the presentation and 20 points will be given for completing the peer review process on time.

In addition, failure to turn in the "Class Presentation Reviewer Guide" to the instructor at the end of the day of presentations will result in a ten-point penalty. You will be completing the Reviewer Guide while others are giving their presentations. If curious, you can view this guide on our website (<http://mhchem.org/cp222info>). *This applies to Sections 01 and H1 only.*

Late class presentations will result in a five-point penalty *per day*. The paper and the presentation must be completed for credit on this assignment. Plagiarism discovered from any source will result in a **total** Class Presentation grade of zero.

A sample **Class Presentation Grading Rubric** is available for viewing on the CH 222 website (<http://mhchem.org/cgr2>) The rubric will allow you to look at the items deemed most important when grading your Class Presentation.

How do I get started? Step 1: *Reserve your Class Presentation Compound*

Decide on some compounds that interest you, then email the instructor or complete the online web form to reserve your compound: **<http://mhchem.org/cp222>**

You should receive a response from Dr. Russell within 48 hours after the beginning of the second week of class; if you do not, email him directly at mike.russell@mhcc.edu. Be sure to include alternate compounds in case your first choice has already been claimed; he can also pick one for you if you are uncertain which compound to pick. Reserve your class presentation compound by the end of the third week, **January 24 at 9 AM**. You can see which compounds are still available here: **<http://mhchem.org/222av>**

Step 2: *Turn in the Class Presentation Rough Draft Paper*

The Class Presentation Rough Draft paper should include *at least* two typed pages and one peer reviewed scientific article using the handout (<http://mhchem.org/rd2>) at the beginning of your paper. Deadline: **Mon., Feb.. 10 (01)** or **Wed. Feb.. 12 (H1 & W1)**

Step 3: *Give the Class Presentation and turn in your final Class Presentation paper*

Section 01 and H1: Bring your final Class Presentation paper and give your presentation during lab. **Section 01: Monday, March 3. Section H1: Wednesday, March 5.**

Section W1: At the time of your Class Presentation, turn in your final Class Presentation paper and a video recording of your presentation (YouTube link, etc.) **by Wed., March 5 by 11:59 PM.**

Before you present and submit your paper, check out the reminders contained within the "**Class Presentation 'Last Minute' Checklist**", found here: <http://mhchem.org/cpcs> Note that you must both present your work and submit your paper to receive *any* points on this assignment. All presentations over ten minutes in length and all papers with more than 10 pages of writing will suffer a point penalty.

If you have any questions, see this site (<http://mhchem.org/cp222info>) or contact the instructor.

Name: _____

CH 222 CLASS PRESENTATIONS ROUGH DRAFT PAPER

*Staple this form to the **top** of your Rough Draft Class Presentation Paper for full credit*

Lab Section:

Reserved Compound:

Directions:

- This assignment is worth 20 points out of the 100 points assigned to the Class Presentation assignment.
- *Include* at least two typed pages of your Class Presentation report with this form (more is fine!)
- *Include* at least one abstract from a peer reviewed scientific article with a proper citation included (more is fine!)
- This page should be stapled (Sec. 01 and H1) or attached (Sec. W1) to the top of the other pages in this assignment to avoid a five-point penalty

Helpful Resources:

- The CH 222 Class Presentation Frequently Asked Questions handout: <http://mhchem.org/faq2>
- The CH 222 Citation Guide: <http://mhchem.org/cg>

Class Presentation Rough Draft Paper Due Dates:

- **Section 01:** February 10 at 1:10 PM
- **Section H1:** February 12 at 1:10 PM
- **Section W1:** February 12 at 11:59 PM

Section 01: *The final Class Presentation paper is due at the time of your presentation on Monday, March 3.*

Section H1: *The final Class Presentation paper is due at the time of your presentation on Wednesday, March 5.*

Section W1: *The final Class Presentation paper and recorded presentation will be due by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, March 5.*