

# Math 105 History of Mathematics

## Class presentations

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Your class presentation will be on the same topic as your term paper. You probably won't have finished the paper when you give your presentation, but you will have worked for some time on it and have a good idea how to finish it. The presentation will actually help you with your paper.

The term paper is a formal thing with details and references. For the presentation, you'll give an overview of your topic leaving out most of the details and the references. The presentation should be informative, and if you can make it entertaining, that's good too.

Your presentation should be about 15 minutes long, no less than 10 minutes, no more than 20, but reserve some of that time for questions. Practice it at least once before friends so that you get the timing right.

Grading on the presentation is all or nothing. If you give the presentation, you get an A for it. (If, for some reason, you don't think you can give a presentation in front of the whole class, you may alternately give a presentation to me and friends if you want to invite them. Let me know and we'll schedule that outside of class time.)

There's a signup sheet on the wall of the classroom. There are several available days with three presentations per day. Select a day and print your name and the title of your presentation on the signup sheet. As long as there's space, you can switch your day to another day. Also, you can swap days with someone else in class. If you change your day, then update the signup sheet.

If you're ill or otherwise can't make the scheduled day, we can postpone your talk until later. (You might be able to give a talk on a day when there's extra time, or, if necessary, during reading days or finals week sometime.)

There are various different formats you can use for your presentation. You may use a powerpoint presentation, a web page you design, printed notes you distribute, or simply chalk and the blackboard. Your choice. No matter what format you use, it's nice to handout a sheet of notes for other students to keep.

Start out your presentation with the title of your talk and your name, then go from there.