**Rubric for Mini-Presentation**

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| Grading | 50-59% | 60-69% | 70-79% | 80-100% | Distribution |
| Knowledge | -Demonstrates unsatisfactory grasp of material.  -Research is not evident and/or misleading | -Demonstrates satisfactory grasp of material.  -Research is evident though not sufficient. | -Demonstrates sound knowledge of material.  -Research is clearly evident. | -Demonstrates exceptional knowledge of material.  -Research is evident and all-encompassing. | /4 |
| Application | -Makes unsatisfactory connections to real life scenarios and/or applications  -Does not incorporate research or examples in the real world | -Makes satisfactory connections to real scenarios.  -Incorporates some research or examples from the real world. | -Makes good connections to real life scenarios.  -Incorporates standard level of research or examples from the real world. | -Fantastic connections are made to real life scenarios.  -Incorporates above and beyond level of research or examples from the real world. | /2 |
| Communication | -Unsatisfactory demonstration of public speaking skills.  -Inability to consider tone, pace, and projection when speaking. | -Satisfactory demonstration of public speaking skills.  -Some ability when considering tone, pace and projection when speaking. | -Good demonstration of public speaking skills.  -Great ability when considering tone, pace and projection when speaking. | -Excellent demonstration of public speaking skills. Practice is well evident.  -Exceptional ability when considering tone, pace and projection when speaking. | /2 |
| Organization | -Material is disorganized throughout. | -Material is somewhat organized. | -Material is well organized. | -Material is thoroughly organized.  -A natural flow with all slides. | /2 |

**Assignment Instructions:** An 8-10 minute presentation on a recreational substance of your choosing. This assignment will be done in groups of 2. You are to choose from a list of substances provided here:

* Cigarettes -Ecstasy -LSD -Methamphetamines
* Alcohol -Cocaine -Heroin -Krokodil
* Marijuana -Tobacco -Psychedelic Mushrooms

Only one substance per group and once it is chosen, another group cannot take it. You will be using Microsoft PowerPoint for this assignment and I will teach how I want you to make the presentation appear. There will be one class dedicated to computer time on the know-how of making a great PowerPoint presentation.

**Knowledge**

-**Do not use Wikipedia.**

-You can copy and paste information as long as you source it or make reference to it. Ideally, you word it in your own words. If you copy and paste words that confuse you, chances are you will reduce your mark in this component.

-Give the audience and me a brief summary of the mechanisms in how these substances interact with our body.

-Include side effects, symptoms and complications.

-How do you take these drugs? Orally? Intravenously?

-Include potential diseased states.

-Statistics on use in North America (Make it visual) (Bonus: Find data on adolescent use)

**Application**

-The idea here is to connect the knowledge to a real life scenario.

-Hint: Start your presentation with an example from real life. Tell us a brief story.

-To make your presentation pop, tell us a story throughout the presentation. Make it connect with the facts/stats you present.

**Communication**

-Do you vary your tone to emphasize certain points you make?

-How do you maintain eye contact?

-Are you just reading off your slides or do you balance your eye contact with the audience?

-Do you articulate your words clearly or do you mumble?

-Do you explain your concepts, facts and ideas thoroughly or do you leave the audience confused?

**Organization**

-Are your slides walls of text or do they strike a balance with image, text or video?

-Do your ideas flow from one slide to the next as if they are connected?

-Are your slides visually appealing and “easy on the eyes” (It doesn’t hurt looking at the screen)?

**Links to start**

<http://www.patient.co.uk/health/recreational-drugs>

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/commonly-abused-drugs-charts-0>

Cigarettes:Sasha/Eddie

Ecstasy: Ruslan

Alcohol: Daniel

MDMA (Molly): Han/Namal

Shrooms: Alex/Anthony

Krokodil: Bohdan

Umar: