

# How to Make Your Presentations Rock!

## Course Outline

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### Introduction

You are going to make a lot of presentations in your school life. Do they all need Keynote or PowerPoint or an application like that?

Or are there other ways to get the attention of your audience, hold their interest, and express your points? Plus, find out how cognitive psychology and Japanese architecture intersect with presentations!

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### How We Are Going to Work Together

- Please come to class ready to explore ideas and have some fun.
  - In class, be the person your pet thinks you are.
  - One person at a time talks, so no interruptions. It's just good manners.
  - If something didn't make sense, please let me know or ask questions.
  - People don't always agree and that's ok. Yet, let's be respectful about it.
  - Not everyone is comfortable in front of groups. I get it, so please be kind.
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### Course Objectives

- Figure out why presentations get a bad rap
  - Pick what you want to say: your story
  - Figure out your audience
  - Pick good content: words, images, audio, video...
  - Stand up and tell us your story in the Pecha Kuccha format
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### Week One: Why Presentations Get a Bad Rap

- Getting to Know You
  - How We Will Work Together and Have Fun
  - What do you want to get out the course?
  - Why do presentations get a bad rap?
  - Good versus Bad Presentations
  - Give an Awesome Presentation
  - What is this Pecha Kuccha thing?
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### Week Two: What's Your Story?

- Presentations are built around a topic or purpose: the story.
  - Let's find our stories: from our families, our communities, vacations, etc.
  - Let's build a story to tell.
  - Let's focus the story so it fits within ten slides.
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### **Week Three: Content and Slides**

- PowerPoint and KeyNote let us do a lot of nifty things
  - Skip the templates!
  - Work with blank slides
  - Great places to find content: images, video, and objectives
  - Add Text and Objects
  - Set Slide Timing to Auto Advance
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### **Week Four: Putting It Together**

- Your Story
  - Your Slides
  - Your Graphics, Audio, Video, Text
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### **Week Five: Getting Ready to Get Up There**

- So how do you feel when you speak in front of a live audience?
  - What Mark Twain said...
  - Control what you can control...here's how
  - Some speaker practice ideas
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### **Week Six: Ten Slides, Three Minutes, Sit Down**

- Pecha Kucha rounds
  - Congratulations
  - What did you learn?
  - How can you use this in "real life?"
  - What's Next?
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