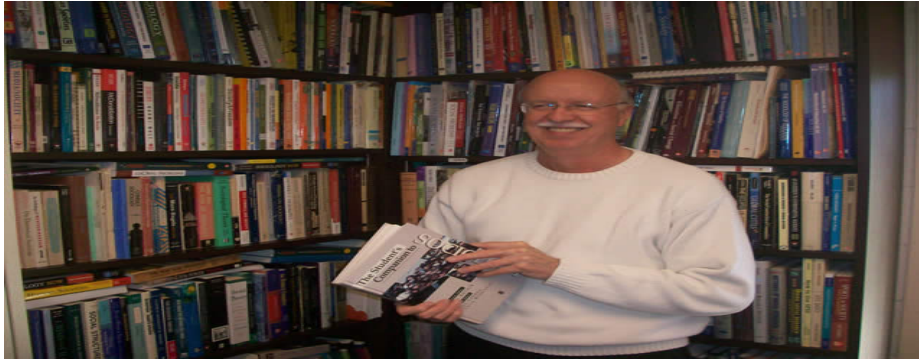


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Constructive Criticism

Designed To Make Me Better

Before Presentation #1

Hi John, I have made some edits to your handout, see attached file. You may also consider making the a one slide, slide show and sending it out to everybody after your presentation so that you have the ppt. experience. I need to see what level of skill you have in making a slide show. Remember to talk slowly and click slowly as you demonstrate the GA Dept. of Labor web pages for your classmates. You don't have to tell them every step you are taking or every click you are making because they will be watching the screen as you click. Best, CB

Presentation #1 Feed back

Hi John, I am assigning a grade of 96 to your presentation. First the weaker points. You were making a point about VSU President McKinney and you called him McKinley a pretty important blunder. The browsing which was the main activity of your presentation was not as smooth as you want it to be, not as practiced. Tone of voice/expressiveness. At time you were over the top. Your voice has a high end which can be irritating when you are crossing a line between great enthusiasm and too much enthusiasm...some toning down will make your message more effective. Don't tone down the energy and positive tone, but moderate it for greater effectiveness in academic settings. Now the many strengths. You were prepared and your background work to set up the browsing was strong. The enthusiasm and positive attitude is persuasive and a strength. You communicate well. You have a good speaking voice and can be effective and authoritative...use these strengths to your advantage. Be commanding without being over the top. You used humor effectively to communicate and you presented a good visual approach to the resources available from the D. of L. I was also impressed about your awareness of time.

Presentation #2 Feed Back

Hi John, First the strengths - You toned down the nervous energy level and used your voice more effectively in this presentation than the first. The presentation of self with the VSU shirt and talking with hands to be expressive was good. I found positive information in the presentation to include your introduction about the MSW, Felicia Hilson, focus on quality not size, 10 facts list, browsing the site on the Internet, effective discussion of placements of graduates, your personal style with controlled energy and watching to make sure the pitch of your voice was not too high, too over the top. Some negatives for improvement include stammering, repeating things for emphasis (you are dynamic enough that you do not have to repeat the points...these are college students not children you are speaking to), Constantly check on your volume (don't let it get too loud) and your pitch/tone (don't let it get high pitched and over the top). Toning it down is a good thing for academic presentations and it doesn't mean you are losing passion or commitment. Remember too, the more authoritative you can be because you know what you are speaking about means you don't have to dominate by a loud voice and wildly energetic performance. Grade 95



Thanks Dr Ballard, Your Advice is much need and will only help me improve as I conduct future presentations.

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