

Guidelines for Testimony Project

Tuesday, November 13th 9 – 3 PM

There are three components to this project: the written testimony, the oral testimony, and your ability to answer & ask questions.

The assessment of your written testimony has multiple components: your **peer review** and your **final written testimony (due on Canvas at 9 AM)**.

1. You will receive full credit for your **testimony draft [50 pts]** if it is submitted on time & it is reasonably complete. Incomplete or late drafts will not only not have the benefit of peer review but they will also receive partial credit
2. You will receive up to **50 pts for your peer review**. Your peer review should be constructive and helpful. You should use the guidelines of the assignment and help them figure out what is missing and how to improve their testimony. Does their character and message work together? Do they use facts to support their message? Is their message clear?
3. Your **final testimony** will be worth **300 pts** and will be assessed on the following criteria:
 - The testimony tells a compelling story and has a clear message
 - The testimony is supported with facts (you are welcome to omit facts but please do not submit false testimony) – you should have a minimum of 5 sources.
 - The testimony is well written (grammar, spelling, paragraph construction)

Your **oral testimony [300 pts]** will be no longer than **4 minutes**. You will be given a 1 minute and a 30 second warning. You will be cut off if you are not done in the time allotted.

- The testimony tells a compelling story and has a clear message
- Your character is well developed and makes sense with your story and message
- The testimony is supported with facts (you are welcome to omit facts)
- The testimony is practiced and delivered well.

In addition, each student should **prepare 3 questions [40 pts]** for their assigned group (you will also do their peer review). You will submit these questions on Canvas and be prepared to ask them on Tuesday (this way if you don't get a chance to ask your question(s) there is no penalty). Questions should reflect the written testimony (plus additional research) and can be framed from many vantage points (political party, other bias). Please include a 2-3 sentence **summary of the Congressional character [10 pts]** you are choosing to play. You may choose to ask three questions of different people or the same person, but be sure it is clear and that your approach and tone make sense given said character.