

WRITING AND RHETORIC

WRTG 1250

PowerPoint / Argument Map Assignment

As a prewriting exercise for your final paper, please create a set of PowerPoint slides or an argument map of your claim and major points of proof.

PowerPoint has limitations when used as presentation software (another class period), but it's a great outlining tool because it forces you to think in a hierarchy.

- You don't have to have PowerPoint to complete the assignment – you may draw slides and bring them to class.
- Don't take the time to create fancy slides – we are interested in your claim and how you plan to support it, not your background or spectacular graphics.
- Don't be too detailed on your slides – get down the major points and their relationships – the details can be filled in later.
- Posting PowerPoint files to Google Docs can be problematic, so you may need to email your file to yourself and/or your editing team

Argument Maps are another way to pre-write or pre-think your final paper. They are essentially diagrams of your claim and major points of proof.

- There is a separate detailed assignment sheet that lays out several argument models. You might find it useful.
- You may be able to use the drawing tools on Google Docs to create an argument map.

Remember – the important thing is to be thinking about your claim and proofs, not spending a lot of time creating drawings or slides.