

OAS Arts and Humanities Skill Module

“Creating a Prezi Presentation”

In a world of PowerPoint and lack-luster slideshows, any media presentation that doesn't involve a monotonous flicking between pictures and words can be a welcome change in the dissemination of information. While PowerPoint will always be a favorite of students and lecturers everywhere, the reality is that there are plenty of alternatives to Microsoft's cult classic.

LIKE WHAT?

A Prezi Presentation

Prezi uses a single screen with branching visual maps to create an infinite canvas capable of telling non-linear stories, a feature that PowerPoint cannot provide a comparison for. Unlike other media presentations, Prezi allows you to construct a dynamic, engaging presentation that captures the attention and imagination of an audience while still serving as a platform for information.

Want a better idea of what a Prezi presentation is capable of? Go to: <http://prezi.com/> and take a look at some of the presentations under “Prezis we like” on the home page or by clicking on the “Explore” tab along the top of the home page.

SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

Learn how to create a Prezi presentation

While Prezi presentations are a more glamorous alternative to PowerPoint, they do require some tinkering to learn how to use them. For new users, go to: <http://prezi.com/> and click on the “Learn” tab along the top of the home page. The tutorials will also explain how to make your presentation “public” so that an UGTA will be able to view it later. To complete this skill module, you will need to do the following:

1. Complete the tutorials if you are a new user (under “Learn” tab)
2. Create a free account (keep track of this information)
3. Create a Prezi presentation of your choice – you can choose any subject (ex. Summer vacation, best friends, kittens, mutagenesis, etc.) and you can also choose the degree of complexity (ex. Inclusion of videos, pictures, etc.) as long as you have included the features mentioned in the tutorials
4. Publish your presentation as a public Prezi
5. Write up a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) about your Prezi-learning experience including what you liked and didn't like about this form of visual aid as well as one application for using Prezi in your life
6. At the end of your paragraph please include your account information (username and title of your presentation) and a link to your presentation so that your work can be verified