

ENGL 319: Writing as Social Action History of Rhetoric Group Presentation

For this project, each group will be assigned a particular aspect of rhetorical history that is important as background information in order to understand the Jesuit rhetorical tradition of *eloquentia perfecta*, the art of speaking well for the greater good.

Topics

- Group 1: Aristotle
- Group 2: Cicero
- Group 3: Quintilian
- Group 4: Christian/Jesuit Rhetoric

Reading

To prepare for your presentation, please read the following:

- The reading about your topic that is available as a PDF through Canvas
- At least one additional outside source about your topic
- “A Good Person Speaking Well” by Steven Mailloux, linked through Canvas as weekend homework
- An example/excerpt of a primary text from the person or area you are researching, available as public domain texts free online

Please cite all of your sources on a slide at the end of your presentation!

Presentation

Once you have read the required readings, you will put together an 8-10 minute long presentation that includes a PowerPoint (or other similar medium) to present to the class. The purpose of this assignment is to offer a summary and overview of your group’s topic so that the rest of your classmates understand this aspect of rhetorical history. Some questions to consider as you prepare your presentation:

- What do your classmates need to know about this foundational topic?
- What is the most interesting or most influential aspect of your topic?
- What can we learn from this topic that is still applicable today?
- What did you learn about your topic by reading a text that was actually written by the person or area you were studying?
- How might this person or area have influenced the Jesuit rhetorical tradition of *eloquentia perfecta*?

Be sure that all members of your group participate in the preparation and/or presentation. You may divide the work however you choose, and can meet outside of class either in person or virtually.

Presentations will be given in class on Wednesday, January 20th. Please upload your presentation to the Canvas assignment tab linked in the schedule.