

Presentation Guidelines  
Math 467W.01  
The Evolution of Mathematics  
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**Presentations will be scored in the following way:**

- Accuracy of the problem you present, including following guidelines below.
- Defense of your work, including, including following guidelines below.
- Constructive criticism of classmates work, including following guidelines below.

**Points:** You will be awarded a points in the following ways:

- P - presentation points awarded
  - 5 pts** - Correct presentation
  - 2-4 pts** - Presentation with error(s)
- Q - asking a good question of the presenter
- C - an oral contribution other than the two categories above
- I - contributing a demonstration of mathematical insight

Remember that the presenter will always have the first chance to answer a question.

**Guidelines For Your Presentation:**

- Write the problem on the board.
- State what method/theorem/idea you will use.
- Clearly explain each step.

**General Guidelines**

- You must answer you classmates' and professor's questions in a respectful manner.
- You must ask questions in a respectful manner. You are only to ask questions, not suggest another technique. In many cases, there is more than one way to solve the problem - do not assume that the presenter's method is wrong only because you did the problem differently.
- Do not use "stupid", "trivial", "obvious", etc.
- Its OK to say, "I'm not sure that I understand your question." It is not OK to say, "Your question doesnt make sense."
- Its OK to say, "Can you explain how you got from line 3 to line 4?" It is not OK to say, "Line 4 is wrong," or "Line 4 doesn't make sense."
- Talk to the class, not to the board.