



THE FOA: TAKE TWO

What is the FOA?

- 12-15 minute presentation on a topic YOU choose, focusing specifically on **language**.
- This presentation can take various forms: a traditional PowerPoint presentation, a classroom debate run by YOU, interactive lessons, group discussions, etc.
- The purpose is to **inform** and **engage** your classmates about your topic.
- FOAs will occur **on various days this year (you will present once)** and will be very loosely grounded in the historical and literary units that we are studying at the time.
- 100 points in culminating (internal assessment)

Presentation date Selection

- Please fill out the online google form before next Monday's class.

I'd prefer to do my FOA in *

- November
- December
- January
- February
- Any time is great, Matheny!
- As soon as possible
- As far in the future as possible

Desirable Scheduling

| Dates | Presenter #1 | Presenter #2 | Presenter #3 | Presenter #4 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Thursday, November 14 | 1. | 2. | | |
| Monday, November 25 | 3. | 4. | | |
| Tuesday/Wednesday, December 3/4 | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. |
| Friday, December 6 | 9. | 10. | | |
| Tuesday/Wednesday, December 10/11 | 11. | 12. | | |
| December 13 | 15. | 16. | | |
| Tuesday/Wednesday, December 17/18 | 17. | 18. | | |
| Friday, December 20 | 21. | 22. | | |
| Friday, January 10 | 23. | 24. | | |
| Friday, January 17 | 25. | 26. | | |
| Friday, January 31 | 27. | 28. | | |
| Friday, February 7 | 29. | 30. | | |
| Friday, February 14 | 31. | 32. | | |

FOA--Individual Topic Proposal

**This document is due to
turnitin.com one week before your
FOA Presentation**

Your name
IB English Class Period

1. In two complete sentences, describe the specific thematic focus of your FOA.

(Two complete sentences)
2. What will be the language topic focus of your FOA?

(gender & power, language & power, morality, stereotypes, the state, conflict, or bias/perspective)
3. Speaking generally and in two to three sentences, are there well-defined politically liberal and conservative positions on your issue? If so, what are they?

(Two to three complete sentences that show an awareness of the complexity of your topic)
4. List any possible text types/sources you may present:

(MLA Citations or detailed descriptions of each)
5. How will you teach your peers about your topic in a way that will teach engage and inform but not preach or alienate? Describe aspects of your topic that could be sensitive to individuals or groups and how you will handle the challenges of inclusivity through your thoughtful planning.

(Two to three complete sentences that show awareness of your audience and purpose)

Process

You will submit a topic proposal to turnitin.com detailing the language focus and specific texts to be used in your FOA.

Language Topics

- Along with your chosen content topic, your presentation must also be grounded in one or more of the following language topics: gender & power, language & power, morality, stereotypes, the state, conflict, the media, journalism, & bias.

FOA Grading

- You will be assessed using the IB FOA rubric, which includes 4 Criterion:
 - A. Knowledge & Understanding of text & subject
 - B. Understanding of how language is used to create meaning/appreciation of language
 - C. Organization and effectiveness of the presentation
 - D. Language used in presentation/appropriate register

Research topics

- **Take the time to do some research on these topics to find something that TRULY interests you.** This will automatically make your presentation more engaging because you feel strongly about your topic.