

Fall 2008 // WSU // English 101 (4, 36, 38, 43) – Introductory Writing

Stiff Chapter Presentations – Instructions for Groups

Each group is responsible for working with one chapter (from chapters 4 through 11) of *Stiff*. For this project, your group will be responsible for the following:

- A 15-minute **oral presentation** that:
 - **Summarizes** the main points of the chapter
 - **Discusses** the potential ethical dilemmas of one or more events that are reported in the chapter
 - "Discusses" means to lead the group in a discussion of one or more questions that you have thought about and provided on the handout.
 - Your questions should not be "yes/no" types of questions.
 - Ask a question and facilitate discussion among the group—do not just simply say "that's right" and move on (because your questions should not be of the "right/wrong" variety).
 - **Provides some examples** of areas in the text in which Roach uses one or more of the moves of academic writing (that stuff you learned in *They Say/I Say*), and some examples of areas in which she *does not* use these moves and you think she should have.
- A one-page **handout for the class** (25 copies) to use to follow along with your presentation. An example will be provided when your instructor models a presentation for you all.

Things to keep in mind, especially after your *They Say/I Say* presentations from earlier in the semester:

- All members of the group must speak at some point during the oral presentation.
- You must meet with your group outside of class, and you must meet in person at least once. Given the scope of this presentation, more than once will probably be a better thing to do.
- DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE TO START YOUR PROJECT. Similarly, if it is even a week before your presentation and you don't know who is in your group or what chapter you are doing, you have a problem.
- You are responsible for a full fifteen minutes of engaging the class. If your group begins, reads some things off a note card, asks a question and sits down after 10 minutes, expect to get a D on your project (if you're lucky).
- Take your project and presentation seriously.

It would be wise to fill in the following information when you know it:

CHAPTER: _____

PRESENTATION DATE: _____

GROUP MEMBERS' NAMES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES:
