

# Creative Presentations

**R**eport writing helps students organize new information and achieve a deeper understanding of a topic, but creative presentations can make the information even more memorable!

The next time your students complete a report, give them the opportunity to share what they have learned using one of these fun presentation techniques.

## DAILY JOURNALS

Have students imagine how well-known people or events affected daily life, and have students use their research to write several journal entries to share with classmates.

Possible examples:

- **Biographical Reports:** Write from the point of view of a historical person.
- **Historic Event Reports:** Write from the perspective of someone watching the events unfold.
- **Country Profiles:** Write from the point of view of a nation's leader.
- **Science Reports:** Write from the perspective of a scientist making a discovery.

## DRAMAS

Dramatic presentations can work well for group research projects. Encourage groups to create a 5–10 minute skit that depicts one aspect of their research. Possible examples:

- **Book Reports:** Act out a part of a book (e.g., the introduction or climax).
- **Historical Era Analysis:** Act out a specific aspect of daily life during a particular historical time period.
- **Physical Science Report:** Demonstrate dramatically how a specific scientific process (e.g., electricity) works.
- **Biographical Report:** Dress up and pretend to be a historical figure and answer questions from the class.



## OVERSIZED TIMELINES

Understanding the sequence of events is important but can be confusing during presentations. Ask students to create a large-scale timeline of the key dates as a visual reference during presentations. Possible examples:

- **Historical Event Reports:** Display drawings or charts near appropriate points on a large bulletin board.
- **Family Histories:** Hang a three-dimensional timeline with photographs and birth/death announcements from the classroom ceiling.
- **Science Experiments:** Create a timeline made out of paper and/or colored tape to show the growth of an experiment; display it on the floor.

## BROCHURES

Informational brochures can help students generate excitement about the places or books that they have researched. Encourage students to create informational brochures for:

- **Country or Regional Profiles:** Create a travel brochure (or Web site) that introduces tourists to a particular country or region.
- **Book Reports:** Create an informational brochure that describes the town in which the book's story takes place.
- **Life Science Report:** Create a brochure that someone might find at a national park describing a particular aspect of the environment.