

Last peer lecture/talk: Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>

Free choice of topic

12 minutes

Consider topic, structure, timing, and style

# Picking a topic

Consider your audience

What do they know?

What don't they know?

What might they care to know?

One approach: start with something very familiar, work towards something new

No re-using old peer lectures

# Timing

Don't go over. At all.

Be within a minute on the short side.

Practice. At least one full rehearsal.

Prepare more material than you expect to use.

Have multiple exit strategies

# Structure

Intro - Tell them what you're about to tell them.

Body - Tell it to them.

Conclusion – Tell them what it is you just told them

# Style

Hard to define – context sensitive

Engage your audience

Eye contact, varying your voice,  
gesture, visual aids (as appropriate)

Clarity – Face audience as much as possible, speak clearly, pause frequently