

ESM 438 Lab 2 Assignments

To be completed before the start of the lab

Task One: Short Story

Pick any topic you want and tell us an engaging story. Your story should be between one and three minutes and use at least one embellishment that we discussed in class (strong hook, good humor, developed characters, or helpful metaphors). Feel free to use a small note card during your story, but do not read from it word for word. Don't forget to manipulate your tone, posture, and pacing for your intended audience.

Stuck on what to talk about? Here are a few prompts to get you thinking about a story to tell (from [NPR](#))

- If your life were a movie, what's one scene you'll never forget?
- What's something someone said to you that you'll never forget?
- Tell us about a breakthrough moment in your life.
- Tell us about a time you had to follow your heart.
- Tell us about a moment you were reunited with something you treasure.

Task Two: Introduction

Prepare the first third of your overall 12-15 minute talk: the introduction. This can range between 2-5 minutes depending on how much time you expect to need for methods, results, and conclusions. Expected components include:

- A well-rehearsed opening statement, with or without a hook
- A visually appealing cover slide with your name and talk title
- Slides with descriptive titles and action verbs
- Relevant background needed to set up your story
- Tension that sets up the problem you will solve