

Mid-Term Group Project

The mid-term project is worth 30% of your final grade. You will work together within small groups on this project. There are two parts to this project, you will be graded on both parts. If everyone contributes equally, then each member will share the same grade. Anyone who does not contribute equally to the project will receive a lower grade based on their level of participation.

Your group's first task was to list 5 cultural stereotypes that people in China often have of the West or people living in English speaking countries.

From that list, your group chose one stereotype and I chose a second stereotype from your list. Now you will research and report on both of those stereotypes, following the guidelines below.

Failure to follow the project guidelines will result in a lower grade. Please follow these guidelines carefully!

Written Report:

- Each group will submit a **type written report**, due on the day of the oral report.
 - (300 – 500 words minimum)
- Clearly state the 2 stereotypes you are reporting about.
 - Make sure they are stated as stereotypes. (Every, All, Always, Never, etc.)
- Explain how the people in your group first learned / became aware of the stereotypes.
- Explain why you feel people believe the stereotypes.
- **Describe the reality, point out what is truth and what is fiction.**
 - Support your conclusions with facts, statistics, or examples.
- Answer this question: How can believing these stereotypes affect your thinking towards the West / Westerners?

Oral Report:

- Each group will make an oral report to the class. More than one person may give the oral presentation. (1 or 2 presenters is okay)
 - You will have approximately 5 minutes to explain both stereotypes. (Less than 4 minutes or more than 6 minutes will result in a lower score.)
- The oral report should NOT be identical to the written report. The oral report is a summary of what your written report says.
- Explain the two stereotypes you researched.
- Explain what you learned when doing your research. **Describe the reality.**
 - Explain statistics, share facts and give examples that support your conclusions.
- You will be evaluated on the content of your oral report as well as your presentation skills. This means you need to have;
 - clear pronunciation
 - good eye contact with the class
 - explain each item listed above
 - Do not simply 'read' your written report!