

Brought into shape: presenting one's own research work

You have planned a research project, you've gathered material, analysed and evaluated it. Now the last phase of your work begins: the presentation of your project. In the end you have to set down the results of your research in an appropriate manner.

In preparation, ask yourselves the following questions:

- What do you wish to accomplish with your presentation? What do you want to convey to the reader/observer/visitor?
- For whom are you making the presentation?
- What material do you have, and what kind of presentation is most fitting for this material?
- What kinds of resources do you have available (time, room, technical, financial)?
- What special capabilities do members of your group have that could influence the kind of presentation you choose to give?

Preliminary questions

These questions are important in order to find the right physical form for your project. Depending on how you wish to approach the public, there are numerous possibilities for presenting your research project:

- as a brochure, book or article (this remains the most common form)
- as a collage
- as an exhibition
- as a theatre piece
- as a press conference
- as a game or quiz
- as an Internet site or CD-Rom
- as a radio play or video
- as a slide lecture or photography exhibition
- as an historical walking tour
- as a lecture

Physical forms of a project

Give your creativity free rein. It's quite possible to combine various forms of presentation. The next work sheets will give you some tips on how you can present the results of your work.