Presentation Rubric 8th Grade

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. **SL 8.4**

Criteria	Exceeds Grade Level (4)	Proficient (3)	Partially Proficient (2)	Novice (1)
Organization	introduction, body of support, and conclusion flow together seamlessly, with effective transitions	 introduction clearly leads into claims/findings body of support flows logically and naturally; focused and coherent conclusion summarizes main points and brings closure by reflecting on meaning/significance or by challenging or appealing to audience or requesting action 	 introduction is present but does not clearly lead into claims/findings body of support lacks a natural flow and focus conclusion summarizes main points but neglects to offer closure. 	 does not include required parts in presentation body does not flow in an order that makes sense does not contain an introduction and/or conclusion
Support	 support for claims/findings demonstrates mature insight a synthesis of evidence is drawn from a variety of pertinent sources 	 important points are emphasized and supported with well-chosen details valid reasoning is shown by offering relevant evidence with the ability to cite credible sources and blend own thinking 	 some important points are emphasized and supported with details, but there may not be enough or some might be irrelevant reasoning lacks relevant evidence; student often relies on own thinking rather than on credible sources 	 Important points are lacking support contains too few, inappropriate or irrelevant descriptions, facts, details or examples to support ideas
Physical presence & voice	 Includes all of the elements of a level three plus: style of delivery is enhanced by gestures, facial expression and movement 	 poised and comfortable body language consistent and convincing eye contact adequate volume; speaker is heard throughout the room clear pronunciation conversational pace, with natural pauses; rarely uses filler words 	 shows some poise and confidence makes infrequent eye contact; reads information speaks loud enough for most of the audience to hear occasionally uses filler words 	 lacks poise and confidence (fidgets, appears nervous) does not look at audience speaks too quickly, slowly or softly to be understood frequently uses filler words
Evidence of understandin g	seeks clarification, admits "I don't know," or explains how the answer might be found when unable to answer a question	 accurately conveys and interprets meaning confidently answers questions clearly and completely after presentation 	 does not always clarify terms that might be unfamiliar to audience answers some audience questions, but not always clearly or completely 	does not address questions