

# Individual Oral Presentation (IOP)

*15% of your IB Diploma English 1A Language Score  
10-15 minutes in length*

## **Choice of Topic**

Students may choose topics that reflect their personal interests. Topics may be based on any aspect(s) of the work studied, including:

- Cultural setting of the work and related issues
- Thematic focus
- Characterization
- Techniques and style
- Author's attitude to particular elements of the work such as characters and subject matter
- Interpretation of particular elements from different perspectives

## **Preparation for your IOP**

It is expected that students will prepare for their IOP outside of class hours. When students have chosen the topic for their presentation it will be their responsibility to:

- Select appropriate material for the presentation
- Organize the material into a coherent structure
- Choose and rehearse the linguistic register appropriate for the presentation (the highest a reading of a paper will receive on the language portion of the rubric is a 2, since—no matter how clear—it is not, in my opinion, “appropriate to the occasion”).

## **Analytical or Creative?**

The IOP is essentially categorized as either analytical or creative. Students should choose the format that they are most comfortable with, and the format that they feel will have the most success conveying their ideas to the class.

## **What gets turned into me on the day of your IOP?**

*Analytical:* Requires a typed Outline and Works Cited page.

*Creative:* Requires a Script and a Statement of Intent. The Statement of Intent should include a typed, brief explanation (300-500 words) of the following:

- The work on which the assignment will be based
- Your understanding and interpretation of an author's imagination, values and techniques
- The nature of the presentation you are undertaking, including considerations of audience, register, and format
- The aspects or elements of the work on which you intend to focus
- How you intend to explore these aspects or elements
- Sentences, concepts, sections, structure from the work that you address or imitate

**Points / Credit**

Your preparation and oral presentation will be worth **30 points** in my class (10 for meeting with me beforehand, 15 for the completion of the presentation, and 5 for the required documents that need to be turned in on the day of your presentation)

**Key Things to Remember** (according to the *English for the IB Diploma* text book)

- Choose a topic that you are interested in
- Discuss your ideas with your teacher
- Prepare carefully and thoroughly
- Make sure that your presentation focuses on aspects on which you will be assessed