

PRESENTATION 1



Recite a verbal spell that you have created, modelled on examples from ancient Greek or Roman inscriptions or texts (1-2 min.: 5% of final grade)

Due Dates:

- You will practice your spell in class in your group on Thursday, Feb. 15.
- You will recite your spell in class on Monday, Feb. 20.

General Instructions:

- You should give a written copy of your spell to me immediately before your presentation.
- You may not use notes of any kind for this presentation. You must deliver it from memory.

Criteria:

- **Basic Requirements (Pass/Fail grading)**
 - Presentation is given on the day assigned, unless an acceptable excuse is presented.
- **Content (50%)**
 - Spell is modelled on a “real” spell based on an epigraphical sources (such as the curse tablets you read in Ogden) OR on a spell recited by a witch/magician in a work of ancient Greek or Latin literature (such as Medea’s speech in Seneca’s *Medea*).
 - Spell contains no anachronistic or otherwise incongruent elements.
 - Spell is treated as “real magic,” without irony.
- **Delivery (50%)**
 - Length of presentation is within the allotted time period.
 - Speaker maintains good eye contact with audience, has good posture and physical presence and uses appropriate gestures.
 - Speaker speaks at reasonable pace with appropriate volume and avoids filler words and “uptones” at the end of sentences.