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1) Select a topic and a class presentation date and sign up.

2) On Wednesday January 27th, we will meet in Coates Library for a library orientation led by Benjamin Harris, Library Liaison for Classical Studies. During this orientation, you will learn how to find both primary sources (visual and textual sources), and where to look for scholarly secondary sources (journal articles and book chapters) relating to your topic.

3) For your oral presentation you will select at least five primary sources. Depending on your topic, these will include excerpts from ancient texts, archaeological plans and reconstructions, and/or vase paintings.

4) Prepare for your short presentation: consider why you chose your sources, what are the most important facts or notions that you want to emphasize, and summarize your findings. Prepare a handout to distribute to the class, which could include your chosen texts and/or images. If you prefer, prepare a Powerpoint presentation and bring it on a USB flash drive.

5) On the assigned date, deliver a 10-minute oral presentation to the class on the primary sources you chose. You may use notes, but DO NOT read your presentation. Practice your presentation to ensure you do not run out of time.

Your presentation will be evaluated on your ability to convey to us the significance of the primary sources you chose, as well as on clarity of presentation and your ability to engage your audience.