Assessment Alternatives

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Why choose an alternative assessment?

• Integrity logistics
• Engagement options
• Individual focus
What are some key considerations?

- Learning objectives
- Class scale and student time
- Scaffolding
- Assessment time and tools
What are some specific examples?

- Presentations
- Posters or pamphlets
- Infographics or books
- Oral exams
- Lay audience genres (Op-Ed, magazine article, etc.)
The Op-Ed Exam

1) Students choose a prompt to answer and prepare a “topic brief” of key terms, ideas, sources, etc.

2) Students share findings in groups and discuss strategies for further development

3) Students prepare an Op-Ed that distills their knowledge and understanding (e.g. 750-1000 words)

4) Students exchange drafts for peer review, make revisions, and then submit final version

5) Option: Students give short final presentation of their work in groups

6) Option: Students submit a learning reflection that goes “meta” about the research/study, review, and revision process