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City Presentation Tips

Prepare the Presentation:

- Create an outline of the main points your team wants to make. Your City Essay outline is a good starting point.

- Review the City Presentation rubric as you design your presentation.

- Write a script based on your outline. The script is what each member of the team will say during the presentation. It needs to sound natural and not as if you're reading your essay out loud.

- Decide which team member will say which part of the script. Write each person's lines on note cards and practice, practice, practice! Get really comfortable with your part so that you don't spend the whole presentation staring at your note cards! They're just there if you forget something.

- Take advantage of moments to be especially creative. In the beginning, you want to grab the attention of your audience. Then enthusiastically share details about your future city and its innovative and futuristic features. At the end, you want to make the audience wish they could live in your city!

- Use your City Model. Point out innovative features and interesting landmarks in your city. You can also use other visual aids during your presentation, such as posters and props. Review the rules of what's allowed and any size restrictions.

  - The three presenters should share equal time during the presentation, demonstrate similar levels of knowledge, and showcase how your team works together.

- Dress appropriately for your presentation. You can wear costumes that work with the role that you're playing.

Practice the Presentation:

- Rehearse the presentation until the three presenters feel confident.

- Practice giving your presentation. You might need to define cues among team members to ensure a smooth recorded video.

- Have friends or family members record your practice and then review it with your team and make adjustments as needed. Reviewers can use the rubric to help give good feedback.

- After each practice presentation, discuss the following:

  - What parts of the presentation were clear and informative?

  - Were there any points they didn't understand?

  - What was one thing they liked about how their peers presented?

  - Did the presenters look at the judges? How were their gestures, tone of voice, and pace of the delivery?

  - How did the presenters use the model and other visual aids?

- Remember to have fun!

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City Q&A Practice Questions

During the City Q&A, judge panels will ask questions similar to the ones below. Use these example questions with your team to prepare.

Engineering & Technology

- What types of engineers were involved in designing your future city?
- How did you design and build the moving part for your model?
- How did the engineering design process help you create and develop your future city?
- What is an example of innovative technology in your team's city design?
- What resources did your team use to learn about engineering? Share something your team learned and how you applied it to your project.

Teamwork & Project Management

- Did your team have any disagreements about your project? How did you solve them?
- What was a challenge you encountered while building the model or creating the city presentation? How did your team overcome this challenge?
- How did your team decide how to divide responsibilities?
- What processes did your team use to stay on schedule?
- Did any of your team's initial goals evolve as you worked on your project?

City Design, Systems, & Operations

- What industries drive the economy in your city? What types of jobs are available?
- How does your city support low-income or vulnerable residents?
- What factors did you consider while laying out the zones in your city? Are the zones separate or mixed-use?
- Describe your city's transportation system. Is it public (like today's trains and buses) or private (like an individual car) or a combination?
- How do residents in your city communicate with each other?
- What does your city offer for entertainment and culture—arts, music, theater, dance, cinema, sports?
- How does your future city attract and support a diverse population of residents? And how does your city's design ensure equal access and opportunity for people with disabilities?

Climate Change Challenge

- What climate change impact did your team decide to address? Share how it affected your city and your residents.
- What trade-offs did your city have to make to implement its climate change adaptation?
- What innovative and futuristic technologies is your city using in the production of its power, and how has this reduced or eliminated carbon emissions?
- What is the most futuristic part of your city's climate change solution?