Ten Tips for a Great Student Showcase

1. More is not always better. Be judicious and only select the material you need to make your argument.

2. Color is good. Select an eye-catching pallet and work it into your board. Check out the color wheel and use complementary colors.

3. Consider matting quotes and pictures to make them stand out more.

4. Sans serif fonts like Arial or Helvetica are easier to read from a distance.

5. Cite your sources! Bring a properly formatted works cited too!

6. Layout your poster-board and ask someone else (besides your instructor) to look at it for you.

7. Appearance matters. Look at your board and yourselves. Do glitter sticks and puffy paint help your argument? Should you dress professionally? Would a costume be more effective?

8. Using photos, graphics, and charts is a great way to support your argument.

9. Practice summarizing your argument or write up talking points for your group.

10. Be creative and break the rules once in a while!