

Slide 3: An idea for further improvement, or ideas for further research.

After the main presentation I will randomly call on someone to present his/her three slides. This person will act as the discussion leader while everyone shares their own ideas on the topic. The idea is to encourage more discussion and class participation in an environment which is like a real seminar.

A midterm 5-page (double-spaced) draft of your paper proposal and presentation, 20% of grade. The proposal should motivate a question in economic history and discuss existing research that is related to that question. The topic may come from the syllabus, but you may select a topic that is not on the syllabus. The draft should be a minimum of 5 double-spaced pages. Please send me your draft 4 days before your presentation.

A final 15-page (double-spaced) draft of your proposal and in-class presentation, 30% of grade. Ideally this will be the same proposal that you worked on for the midterm presentation. You should include in your proposal reference to potential data sources and how these data can be used to address your key questions; aim to be as specific as you can about your strategy and approach. These presentations will take place during the last week of class. I will be happy to give you feedback on your slides if you send them to me in advance.

The final draft is due by December 17, 2012.

Topics Outline

1. Introduction and overview of stylized facts of long-run growth. 2 lectures
2. Malthusian Model 2 lectures
3. Demographic Transition 2 lectures
4. Solow Model 3 lectures
5. Proximate Explanations of Growth
 - a. Agricultural Revolution 2 lectures
 - b. Technology 1 lecture
 - c. Property Rights and Institutions 2 lectures
 - d. Trade and Market Efficiency 2 lectures
6. Fundamental Explanations of Growth
 - a. Geography and Factor Endowments 2 lecture
 - b. Institutions 2 lectures
 - c. Culture 1 lecture
7. The Spread of Industrialization and its Impact on Growth
 - a. Economics of the Family 2 lecture
 - b. Social mobility 1 lecture
 - c. Transportation and Social Saving 1 lecture
 - d. Migration 1 lecture