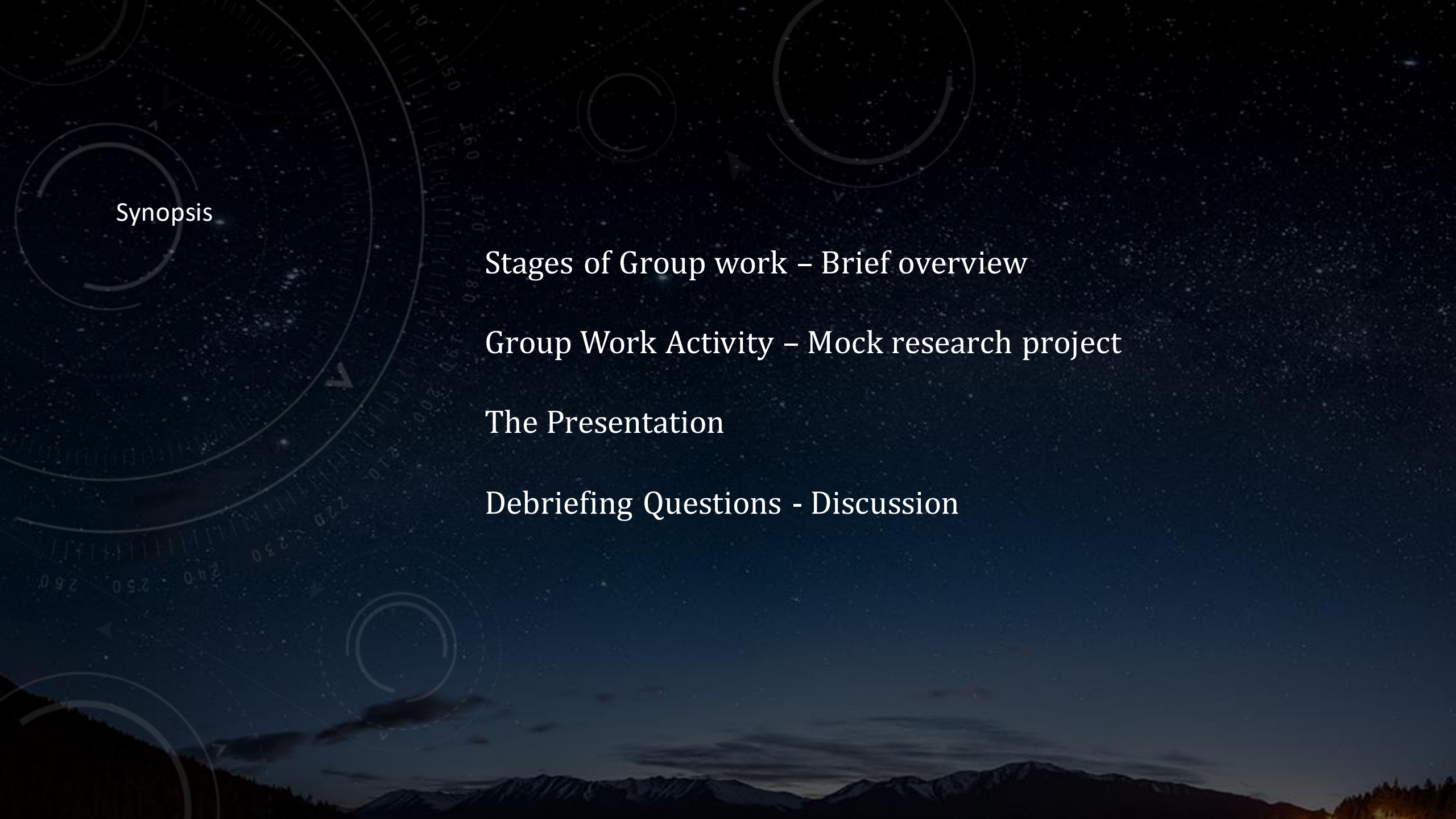




# Best Practices for Group Projects and Breakout Rooms



Synopsis

Stages of Group work – Brief overview

Group Work Activity – Mock research project

The Presentation

Debriefing Questions - Discussion



First,  
Let's introduce our peer tutors.





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# STAGES OF GROUPWORK

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**Stage One -**

**Stage Two -**

**Stage Three -**

**Stage Four -**



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**Stage One - Familiarization**

**Stage Two - Planning and preparation**

**Stage Three - Implementation**

**Stage Four - Completion**

# THE COMMON ROLES IN A GROUP





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**THE LEADER**

**THE ORGANIZER**

**THE OVER-PROMISER**

**THE SILENT CONTRIBUTOR**

**THE ABSENTEE**





# GROUP WORK ACTIVITY

## – MOCK RESEARCH PROJECT

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## The Project Criteria

- Research essay
- Min. 10 pages, double space, 12 pt, Times new roman font.
- At least 3 scholarly reviewed sources
- Presentation: Present your finding - 20 minute
- Time limit – 2 month from today, due at the last day of the class – April 02



# ACTIVITY – MOCK RESEARCH PROJECT

Choose from one of the topics below:

1. Discuss and compare wiki vs peer reviewed journal
2. What is the definition of Taboo, and why is it different from culture to culture?
3. Why is ancient Egypt considered as the origin of all civilization?
4. Pick two social media platform and discuss why one is better than another
5. What is a meme, and what significance does it have on modern media?

# ACTIVITY – MOCK RESEARCH PROJECT

## Activity Instruction 1 :

You will be assigned into a random group of 4-5.

Your team will need to decide

1. who is doing what role.
2. which research topic to research.
3. how to divide up the work so the assignment requirement can be fulfilled.



# ACTIVITY – MOCK RESEARCH PROJECT

## Activity Instruction 2 :

As a team, present the following:

1. who is going to do what for this project, and how did the group come to this decision.  
ie who is the leader, who is the editor, etc...
2. The process your group used to decide which research topic.  
ie how did the group come to this conclusion.

# ACTIVITY – MOCK RESEARCH PROJECT

## Activity Instruction 3 :

There will be a peer tutor assigned to each one of the groups.

## The role of peer tutors:

Tutors will be there as an advisor to offer suggestions and keep the group on track; they can answer questions, but they will not participate in the activity.





PRESENTATION TIME!







# DEBRIEFING DISCUSSION

# DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS -1

What was easy?

What was difficult?

How long was the initial silence in the breakout room?



## DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS -2

Is there a most dominant person in the group? What effect would this person have on the group?

How often would the group meet while working on the project?

Did the group talk about how to keep in touch in case of questions or troubles?

## DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS -3

Was the project assigned evenly?

If someone in the group is doing most of the work, what would you do to balance out the workload?

Would there be someone in the group end up doing the least amount of work? What would you do to balance out the workload?

Would you anticipate any possible conflict in the group? If so, what?



## DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS -4

How would the final project be put together?

Was anyone assigned to hand in the final project?

As a group, do you think the project would complete as planned?

What else would you do differently?



The Takeaway

What did you find that's most useful  
from what we've discussed today?