Authentic Assessment: The Dream Project

Premise:

The Dream Project is a community-based scholarship program created by the 5Point Adventure Film Festival in Aspen, Colorado, that encourages high school students to develop dream projects that will give them "a chance to explore their personal boundaries while living their own adventure." The Dream Project supports and believes in young people and the diversity of the projects they choose to pursue by granting six $2,000 scholarships each year so students can pursue their personal dreams. The only requirement for students is that they are committed "to learn, to have a positive impact on their community, and to embrace an incredible adventure."

Directions:

Students should prepare a 3-5 minute PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation to submit to the 5Point selection committee that explains the nature and scope of their dream and its potential impact on their lives. Students should use a combination of words and images on their slides to help the audience understand what they hope to accomplish through their project and how fulfilling their dream will help them grow and develop as people. Students should be specific in what they will use the money for and how that money will help their dream come true.

Assessment:

The Dream Project presentation will be worth 20 points based on the combined evaluation of both the teacher and other students in the class. Student presentations will be evaluated on the insight and depth of the analysis, the clarity and persuasiveness of the appeal, and the overall professionalism of the presentation.