**Venomous Heroes & Villains**

*Due by start of class [date] (note that we’ll workshop and revise your summary after this)*

**15 Class Points**

Much like comic book characters, venomous herps come in all shapes and sizes, and yet they remain woefully under-represented in superhero media. With this in mind, I propose that we assemble our own collective of super-powered humanoids!

**Your Assignment:** Working as a group, develop your own venomous herp themed hero/villain/antihero to join the HSU (Herpetology Scienc-ematic Universe). *You will present your characters to the class in a 2–3-minute power point presentation on* ***[date]****.*

Your presentation should have two parts: **Inspiration** & **Character** which should include the following:

**Inspiration**

1. An image of the **species** that inspired your character’s powers (1 point)
2. That species **common and scientific name** (1 point)
3. The species **native range** (1 point)
4. At least **one new fact about the species’ venom and/or venom system** that includes a citation (3 points)
5. At least **one fact about the species’ natural history** that includes a citation (3 points)

**Character**

1. A **super-persona** based off one species of venomous herp (example: Western Diamondback Rattlesnake Woman). Feel free to be creative with their super name! (1 point)
2. Have at least **two** **superpowers** based off characteristics of that species (2 points)
3. Have at least **one weakness** based off characteristics of that species (1 points)
4. **A brief background** story of how your character was bestowed with their powers, that is *somewhat* consistent with your species’ natural history (No radioactive king cobra bites in Antarctic research labs here!) (1 point)
5. **At least one** of the following (1 point):
   1. An artistic renderings of your character
   2. A clever name for their secret identity (maybe look at scientific names for inspiration?)
   3. A catchy theme-song
   4. A celebrity casting for your character’s cinematic debut