Constructive Critiques by Paul Iwancio

On giving criticism:
Open with a compliment. Find something positive to say about the work. Everyone is at a different place in their development and needs to be supported.
Ask questions about the work.
Do offer suggestions for improvement instead of just saying "it’s not good".
Open suggestions with the qualifier “If it were my piece, I would…”
NEVER slam or destroy someone’s work. Every product/creation is a risk and should be treated with respect.

On receiving criticism:
Listen, listen, listen!
It's fine to disagree with someone (feeling he/she doesn't understand your creation) but if you hear the same comment repeatedly about your work, listen to that. It may need some additional work.
You are welcome to ask questions about your own work.
If a critique isn't clear, ask the critiquer to clarify.
If you don't agree with anything anybody says, then fine. Be polite and respectful of the comments.
You may receive what seems to be an avalanche of different comments on your work. Remember, in the end, it's still your product and you can take or leave the suggestions made to change your work.

The bottom line is RESPECT. Respect for the work, the producer and respect for the listeners and critiquers.
Have RESPECT for every presenter, respect for everyone's time, respect for your classmates and the moderator. Be polite and considerate. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Hurtful language is not tolerated. Help us keep a positive, supportive atmosphere as we try to produce better work and nourish our community of learners.