

The Anthropocene Golden Spike: The Age of Humans

Lightning Round Presentations

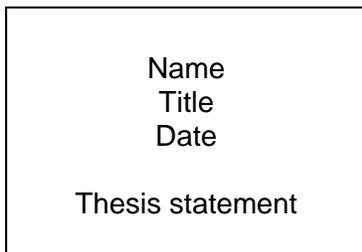
The American Association of Community Colleges (2017) defines a lightning round as “... an opportunity for a single presenter to briefly share their experience and knowledge on a particular subject while engaging in a meaningful discussion with their colleagues.” Read more about lightning rounds at the American Historical Association (2017).

For the purposes of this course, there will be approximately seven back-to-back presentations featuring similar themes. Each presentation is limited to two minutes. At the end of seven, somewhat related presentations, all seven presenters will engage the rest of the class in a question and answer period for five minutes.

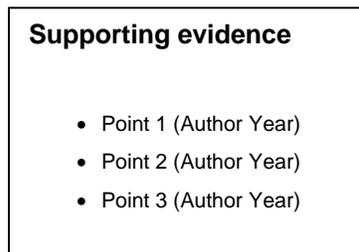
Choose a topic that focuses on one aspect of one of the themes discussed, or to be discussed, in class. A theme, in this case, is one of the indicators of humanity’s impact on Earth that serves as a basis for the designation of the Anthropocene Era. Use quantitative and qualitative data from reliable sources.

The purpose of this activity is to 1) make the first presentation to the class, 2) gather preliminary data for the exploratory paper, 3) to get a better understanding of the course content, and 4) to have a bit of fun talking with each other about our common impacts and common destiny.

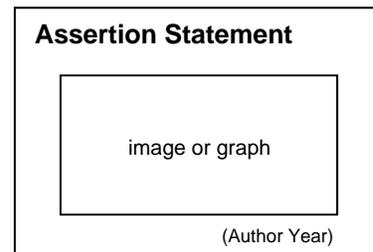
Example format of presentation



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(one slide)



allowed
(one or more slides)



preferred
(one or more slides)

- Wherever possible, use the Assertion-Evidence structure for PowerPoint presentations.
- Speak clearly, look at the audience, and do not use notes.
- A reference slide is not required; all images and ideas must be properly cited—use the format: (Author, Year).
- Email the PowerPoint to me no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 19 February 2018. Use the following naming convention: lastnameIndicator.pptx (mine might be kanatPlastics.pptx).

American Association of Community Colleges (2017). *Lightning Rounds*. Retrieved on 2 Jan 2017 from <http://www.aacc.nche.edu/newsevents/Events/convention2/Pages/lightningrnds.aspx>
American Historical Association (2017). *AHA Guide to Lightning Rounds*. Retrieved on 2 Feb 2018 from <https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/resources-and-guides/aha-guide-to-lightning-rounds>