

## Introduction to Environmental Problems

### 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 (2018).

For the purposes of this course, we will use lightning rounds to present the evidence for the debates. The presentations will be organized based on the four debate topics (the affirmative team starts the lightning rounds). Each presentation is limited to two minutes. At the end of each debate topic (six to eight presentations), the presenters will engage the rest of the class in a question and answer period for five minutes.

Choose two points that are important. Focus on an issue that supports the debate team’s position. Build informative, clear, objective, data-rich, referenced slides.

The purpose of this activity is to 1) make the first presentation to the class, 2) gather preliminary data for the debates, 3) to get a better understanding of the issues, and 4) to have a bit of fun talking with each other about the environmental problems we face.

#### Example format of presentation

Name  
Debate Title  
Date

Thesis statement

*required*  
*(one slide)*

**Assertion Statement**

image or graph

(Author, year)

*preferred*  
*(at least two slides)*

**References**

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 (2018). *AHA Guide to Lightning Rounds*. Retrieved on 2 Jan 2020 from <https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/resources-and-guides/aha-guide-to-lightning-rounds>

*required*  
*(one slide)*

#### Notes

- 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 required – use the full APA style for the reference list.
- All images and ideas must be properly cited – use the format: (Author, Year) with text and images.
- Upload the PowerPoint (as a .ppt or .pptx file) to Canvas no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 Feb 2020. Use the following naming convention: lastnameTopic.pptx (mine might be kanatClimateDebate.pptx).

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