**Comments regarding the Assertion-Evidence model for PowerPoint presentations
from students in an Introduction to Earth Science Course (March 2015)**

Pros

It is usually the focus of what you are discussing on the slide. It makes taking notes more easy.

I think this is the most effective way of teaching while using PowerPoint, especially when key terms and ideas are written on the board as reinforcement of importance.

Having little to write makes it easier to focus on what is being said and taught.

Easy to write down one statement.

Using the Assertion-Evidence style for PowerPoint presentation is very effective for me. I think people get overwhelmed and lose focus when there is too much to read. It also gives me a clear idea of what is important to remember and a visual explanation.

I think the assertion-evidence model is beneficial because it helps to get straight to the point and isn't bogged down with too much information. Generally, I find it very helpful. The only problem I have is that it occasionally narrows the subject too much and it takes me longer to discern what it means because I have to fill in the missing pieces for myself.

Nicest PowerPoints I've ever experienced. They are refreshingly interactive.

They are easier to understand and take notes with.

The Assertion-Evidence style of PowerPoint tends to work well for by my learning and note-taking style. The statement gives me a clear header for that section of my notes, and then I can take down key points, definitions, and any necessary clarification underneath.

The Assertion-Evidence method is incredibly effective. It's effective because the students don't spend all their time copying, but instead are able to listen to you augment the notes.

They are very useful for note taking, very direct to the point, makes it easier to understand the information vs. other methods.

There is less to write so it allows more focus on the discussion. A clear and concise presentation of the information. Yet the evidence isn't something you can always write down (picture).

I like the Assertion-Evidence style. It is good to have an informative statement and a picture or graphic to solidify it in my mind. I like it because not everything is on a slide, just really important ideas. I actually can't think of any problems.

You aren't overloaded with too much to write so you can actually listen to the lecture.

The Assertion-Evidence style is simple and gets the point across well. The downside is that you have to explain a lot more about the slide rather than the slide explaining in detail. You use your own words to tell us what is happening.

Cons

Not all spoken information is written down.

Pictures and graphs cannot be copied.

Sometimes one sentence isn't enough and I am not quite sure what something is.

It is not my favorite style, but it is clear, especially with knowing the topics.