

Geol 421 and Geol 422 – Seminar I and II

Elements of a Good Chalk Talk

A “Chalk Talk” is like a lecture to a class.

How do you like to be lectured to?

In delivering a talk, remember to

- Organize thoughts and ideas
- Polish articulation
- Use appropriate vocabulary
- Be aware of mannerism (hand, eyes, speech, etc.)

In delivering a talk, organize your thoughts

- Minimize the use of jargon and
- Use analogy as warranted

What should I write on the board?

- 1) Introduction
 - A. Decision on topic selection
 - i) Why it was chosen?
 - ii) Where it comes from?
- 2) Describe
 - A. History of topic (context)
 - B. Personal relation to topic
 - C. General knowledge of topic
 - D. Specific knowledge of topic
- 3) Take home message
- 4) Concluding remarks
- 5) Ask for questions