



Wikis

Type	Learning Curve	Blackboard Gradebook Integration	Cost
Online or Face-to-Face	Medium	Yes	Free

What?

A wiki is a tool that allows for collaboration between multiple writers. They can quickly create and edit pages while tracking changes and making comments. You can create one or more wikis for all students to contribute, for specific groups to use to collaborate, or for your students to collaboratively write with collaborators who are external to the course.

When?

- To create a collaborative annotated bibliography for your course.
- To document student work in mini research projects or poster sessions.
- As an ePortfolio of student work.
- For students to create a repository of big questions, elaboration on concepts, FAQs, link libraries or glossaries.
- To create a collaborative story
- To create a space for fact Checking

How?

- Create a free [Wikispaces](#) (Does not integrate with Blackboard Gradebook)
- Create a free [PBWiki](#) (Does not integrate with Blackboard Gradebook)
- The [wiki in Blackboard](#) is only accessible by registered users. This removes many of the advantages, and disadvantages, of social media.

Tips

- Create assignments in which students fact check and rewrite pages in Wikipedia. They can submit a link to the “diff” page that shows what edits they’ve made.
- Some students find collaborative writing uncomfortable. It is helpful to talk about this and provide clear instructions and rationale for using the wiki.
- Explore how others have used wikis in their courses [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Suggested Activities

To learn about these activities and how to implement them, see the [Student Engagement Strategies Toolbox](#).

- Blogs/Vlogs
- Case Study
- Ranking Alternatives

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