

# Cool Canvas Courses

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What makes a  
canvas course  
cool?

# Discuss

(breakout rooms)

- What is something cool in your course?
- How has implementing this element impacted your course?
- How do students respond to it?



What's cool in your  
colleague's courses?

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- padlet

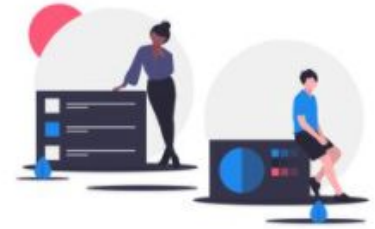
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# Interactive Videos

1. What is it?
2. How do students respond?
3. Do instructors have to deal with tech issues?
4. How does it get graded?
5. What are the options? Playposit and canvas studio



**Accountable Tracking**



**Seamless Workflow**



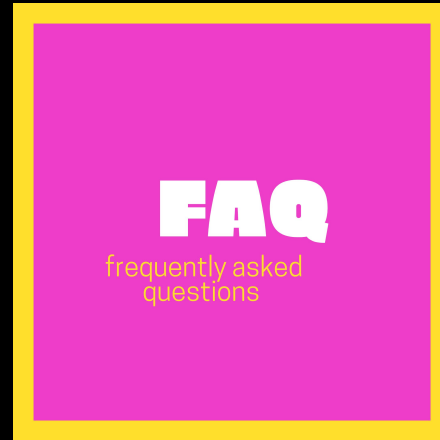
**Learner Engagement**

**Personalized Feedback**

# Make a video to explain complex instructions

- Helps students understand your goals
- Reiterates what they are reading in the instructions
- Reduces confusion
- Try pairing with playposit to ensure students understand the key elements

- Use photos to link to office hours, modules, zoom room, etc.
- Try [canva.com](https://canva.com) to create graphics
- Make sure to always include alt text describing what the image/link



Use photos instead of text links



# Creative assignments

**Do you enjoy reading long, text heavy student assignments?**

Is it ever discouraging when you see a huge block of text, especially when you get a handful without any paragraphs?

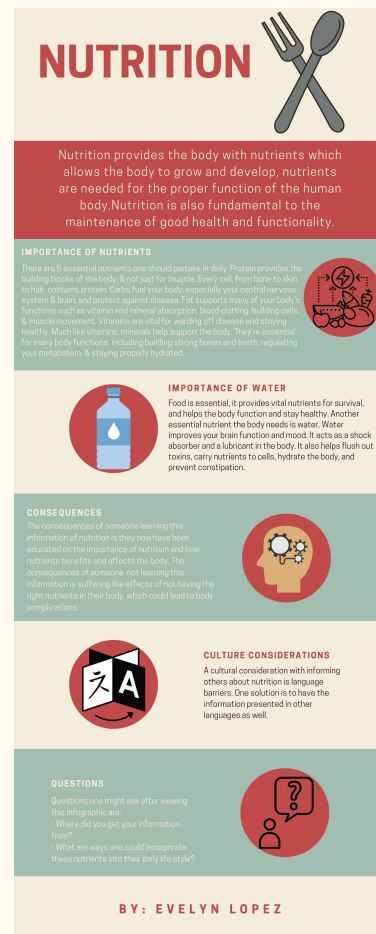
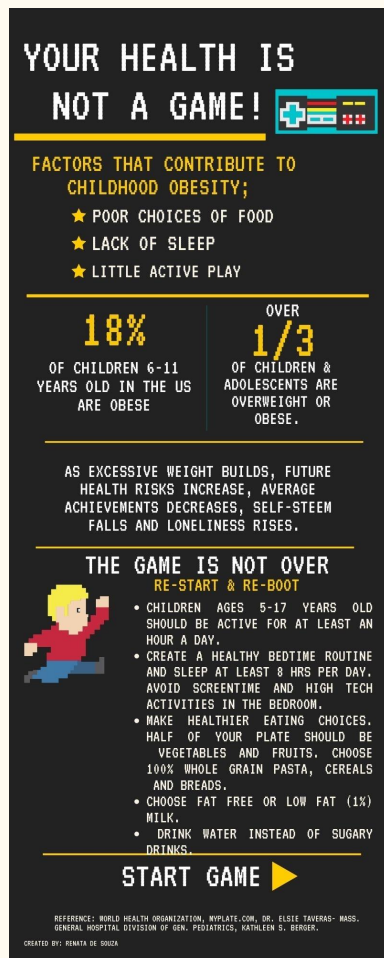
Assignment after assignment. Sometimes this is required to meet the objective.

Sometimes there are other ways to pivot!

## Alternative media types

- Video
  - consider screencastomatic.com in case student are not able to show their face, etc.
  - Vlog or social media style
- Infographic
- Podcast
- Drawing

# Infographic examples



# Podcast assignment

- Sympathy for the Devil: A Bully's Tale
- “Here is my podcast, I feel very proud of it”
- Helpful to encourage student to student engagement and collaboration