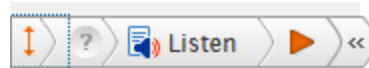


Canvas Tips for Faculty

Using ReadSpeaker for Text to Speech

ReadSpeaker enhances the accessibility of course content within an LMS. You can use the ReadSpeaker controls on the lower left corner of each page to convert the text on Canvas pages to speech. Click the play button and ReadSpeaker will narrate the page.



ReadSpeaker player

Sometimes when there is a great deal of page content, such as in a discussion, you might not want to listen to the entire page. In these cases, select just the text you wish to hear, then click the context-sensitive media player that appears.

Since I teach history, there are several ways to conduct activities that can lend itself to the active learning techniques that can be used in the classroom.

First, there is the use of videos. That can definitely be used when the lecture is over, and there is still class time. Furthermore, I can assign students to watch the movie the semester, I am having students read the book the movie was based on. Can we convey into the online setting? It can be done more or less by having students pick out the important points it shows. The instructor can assign students to watch them (similarly to what I am already doing with the book and the movie) and then have them do a passive watching to active learning.

I would also like to point out that with the Innovation Center, I have not yet seen this, but if I were to see this, I would be interested in seeing it.



Context-sensitive player

The tool will highlight text on screen as it is read. It highlights the current sentence or phrase in green, and the current word in blue, making ReadSpeaker also particularly useful to users with reading difficulties or users of limited English proficiency.

Welcome to Introduction to Canvas!

During this course, you will watch a series of videos created by the Innovations Center to guide you through the steps of creating and administering your Canvas content.

Click Modules to get started.

Currently read text

Note: ReadSpeaker only reads Canvas text. It does not read text in documents, like Word files, PDFs, or other files and external URLs.