

Challenge 1 – Start a Transparent Assignment

- #Purpose:
- #Task:
- #Criteria:

Challenge 2 – Expand the Template - #Why

- #Academic:
- #Workforce:
- #Personal:



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Challenge 3 – Expand the Template - #What

- #Process:
- #Expectations:
- #Submission Formats:

Challenge 4 – Expand the Template - #How

- #Instructor:
- #Other Academic:
- #Non-Academic:

Rough Outline for Transparent Assignment Template – Expanded Version 0.1 (still in development!)

Assignment name: _____ | Suggested Start Date: _____ | Due Date: _____

Purpose – WHY you are completing this assignment

Completing this activity will help you do the following:

Academic

- demonstrate you have met this module/course outcome: _____
- acquire knowledge that is important in this discipline: _____
- acquire skills that will help you in future courses in this series: _____

Workforce

- provide you with these real-world skills: _____

Personal

- view course concepts through the lens of your identity, background, culture or future
- use discipline-based thinking to address a problem that's important to you

Time estimate for assignment

Create a time estimate for the tasks listed in the instructions so students can plan.

- Read instructions: 5 min
- Review course materials: _____
- Prepare: _____
- Create a draft: _____
- Finalize: _____
- Review with rubric: _____
- Submit: 3-5 min

Total estimated time: _____

Instructions – WHAT this assignment requires you to do

Define what activities the student should do/perform. List any steps or guidelines, or a recommended sequence for the students' efforts.

- Prepare
 - A
 - B
- Create a draft
 - A
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- Finalize and review your work with the syllabus
- Submit

Specify any extraneous mistakes to be avoided. If there are sound pedagogical reasons for withholding information about how to do the assignment, protect students' confidence and sense of belonging in college with a purpose statement something like this: "The purpose of this assignment is for you to struggle and feel confused while you invent and test your own approach for addressing the problem..."

Support – HOW to approach and get help for this assignment

Criteria

- Review a checklist of ideal characteristics for a finished assignment
- Use the assignment rubric to prepare and to review your work
- Review an exemplary assignment by a former student

Resources [Create links for students to review helpful resources]

- Watch this Khan Academy video to review the underlying concept
- Watch this tutorial for using the required technology

People [Create links for students to contact people who can help]

- Contact an online tutor if you need help with the concepts for this assignment
- Contact the writing center if you need help writing
- Contact the on-call librarian if you need help with research
- Contact a classmate and ask him/her to give a peer review
- Contact the Center for Psych Services if you are feeling overwhelmed



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NOTE: *Italicized text denotes guidelines that should be removed.*