WhatWorks? New Ideas in Grading and Assessment

Challenge

Create a Turnitin PeerMark assessment activity that provides a structured learning process for students to develop lifelong skills in providing feedback to others, reflecting on the feedback, and improving their own work.

Considerations

- How does this assessment fit in with the overall course objectives and affect overall students' grades?
- Be realistic and allocate appropriate time to complete the exercise.
- Consider creating an exercise for students to practice going through each step of the peer review process.
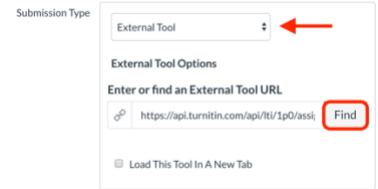- Consider having students evaluate anonymous assignments for more objective feedback.

Tips

- Involve students in developing an assessment rubric.
- Understand group dynamics to decide on the elements of the rubric that would guide the students' evaluation.
- Show examples of feedback of varying quality and discuss which kind of feedback is useful and why.
- Let students know the rationale for doing peer review activity in the course.
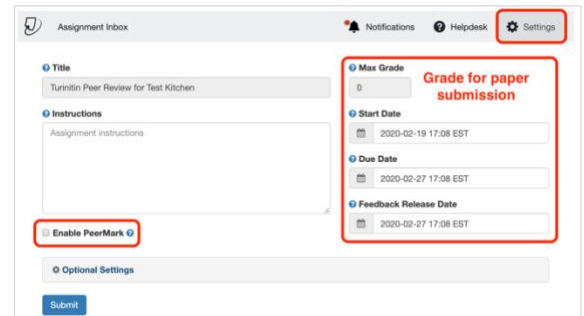- Learn more about PeerMark assignments at

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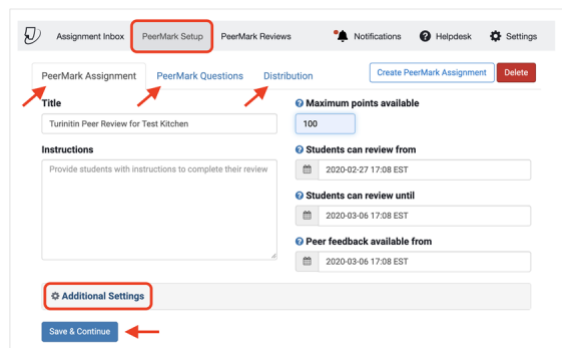### Instructions – Create a PeerMark Assignment

1. Click **Assignments** from the Course Navigation and click **+ Assignment** (top right corner) to create an assignment.
2. In the Submission Type drop-down menu, select **External Tool.**
3. Click **Find** and select the **Turnitin Assignment** link.
4. Click **Select**.
5. Click **Save** to save the assignment as a draft.
6. Find the created assignment and click on its title. You will be directed to a page describing terms and conditions. To proceed, click "**I agree**".
7. In the **Assignment Inbox** page, click **Settings** to choose general settings.
8. Check the **Enable PeerMark** check box, set up the Optional Settings, and click **Submit**.

9. Click on the **PeerMark Setup**. Select settings in the following tabs:
   a. **PeerMark Assignment** (including the Additional Settings).
   b. Set up **PeerMark Questions.**
   c. The **Distribution** tab is used when evaluators are paired manually.

10. Once finished, click the **Save & Continue** button.
11. Publish the assignment to make it available to students.

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Assess students' feedback and grade their peer assessment activity in Turnitin PeerMark.

Considerations

- Set students' expectations and benefits of engaging in a peer review process. Be realistic and allocate appropriate time to complete the exercise.
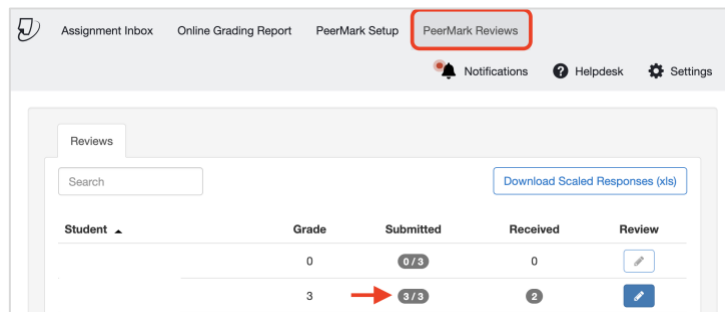
Tips

- **Peer Feedback grades** don't automatically sync with Canvas Gradebook. If peer feedback grades need to be posted in Canvas, a separate column has to be created to enter grades manually or import grades with a .csv file.

- **Paper submission grades** sync with Canvas Gradebook automatically upon the PeerMark assignment's Feedback Release Date. For the Canvas grade to be communicated to students, select Post Grades in the gradebook Column.

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Instructions – Grading a Turnitin PeerMark Assignment

Once the start date of the PeerMark assignment has passed students may begin writing peer reviews. The system can be set to automatically distribute the selected number of papers. Instructors can set the **From** and **Until** dates for providing feedback.

In Turnitin PeerMark, instructors can grade two items: 1) students' peer feedback and 2) the paper submission.

1. The PeerMark inbox will open displaying all the student names, how many reviews out of the total number of reviews assigned to the students have been completed. To grade students' peer feedback,
   a. Select the **PeerMark Reviews** tab and click on the **Submitted** number icon.

   b. Click on the **checkmark** icon to review and grade the feedback.
2. To grade students' submissions,
   a. Click on the **Assignment Inbox** tab.
   b. Select the paper in the **Grade** column.
   c. Use **Turnitin Feedback Studio** tools to annotate and grade the paper.