



#MHEhappiness

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My favorite thing about Connect is...

“SmartBook/LearnSmart. It incentivizes students to read the material before class and then quiz themselves on their learning. When students complete the assignment before class, they already have a base level of knowledge of what will be discussed in class, allowing us to have richer, more in-depth discussions. I also like that I can track the concepts that students are struggling with to tailor in-class activities to reinforce those sticky content areas.”

Connect helped me improve my course by...

“Ensuring that students know the “most important stuff” in each chapter. I know students are reading and engaging with the material since Connect is required in my courses. It allows for students to ask more high-level questions in class and engage with the chapter content differently since they have an idea of what will be discussed in every forthcoming class.”

My top 3 tips for using Connect:

- “Make Connect access required - not recommended. Otherwise students may not opt-in to use it unless it's tied into their grade. They will be missing out on a powerful tool to assist in their learning.”
- “Have weekly assignments due. I've found this gets students in the habit of steadily working on assignments rather than trying to “cram” in several chapters all at once.”
- “Take some time on the first day to orient students on how to use Connect. Don't make the assumption that Millennial/Gen Z students “know” technology. A first day in-class demonstration gets everyone on the same page with how to navigate using the Connect platform and knowing what to do each week as they work through the course.”

What Connect could mean for you:

“The features embedded in the Connect platform are truly unique and effective to assist student learning and material mastery. As an instructor, it's relatively easy to set up, integrate with the learning management platform, and monitor student progress.”