



Using Wikispaces for collaborative content creation in a non-major's biology lab

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Objectives

- Engage more students
 - Especially creative/artistic
- May help STEM retention
- Harnesses power of collaboration and technology
- Provides a tangible way to implement “Active Learning” in class

Objectives

- Use student creators to identify interesting and relevant aspects of the topic.
 - After all... They know best what they are interested in!
- Create a product that is “bigger” than what any one person could create on their own.



Thursday

Lab TA:
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Click on the icon to go to each group's wiki
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Group Name	Group Mission
Art/Fashion	Highlight a particular plant's usefulness artistically (dyes, fabrics, artistic mediums, etc.)
Business	Promote a particular plant for a new or up-and-coming commercial use
Environmental Protection	Develop a plan to increase awareness of threatened plants, habitat or diversity for future generations
Industry	Suggest ways to better or more efficiently use plant products in industry (timber, paper, textiles, etc.)
Landscaping/Horticulture	Describe ways to use locally adapted (native) plants to beautify landscapes and conserve water in North Texas
Medical	Identify a medically relevant plant and describe how it was discovered, where it grows, and how it is used today

Logistics

- Available to all for free
- Organizer (usually teacher) must create an account
- Students can either create an account or be bulk enrolled by the Instructor
 - This is useful for large classes

Groups

- Allows Instructor to assign students to a particular group
- Groups can be divided by class, topic, level, due date... However the Instructor chooses to use them
- Groups are private except to other members of the group and the Instructor

Assessment

- Wikispaces keeps detailed stats on usage
- Allows Instructor to monitor student's participation and input to wiki

Embed wiki in your LMS

- Blackboard, eCollege, Moodle, etc...
- Can simplify entry into wiki

Helpful Links

- General Wikispace help:
<http://help.wikispaces.com>
- Getting started with a new wiki
<http://help.wikispaces.com/New+Wiki>

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