Learn StudyMate Using Blackboard!

Welcome!

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O **Workshop/Academy Length:** One hour

O **Audience:** This workshop/academy is for all faculty members; this includes all grade-level teachers of elementary, IS, MS, and HS students. This topic is relevant to all core subject teachers, extra-curricular teachers, and special education teachers.

Academy Description

o This workshop will introduce you to StudyMate.

o The following will be covered during this one-hour in-class session:

  o How to enter term/definitions into StudyMate on Blackboard

  o How to play interactive games and puzzles

  o How to create a new StudyMate activity for your course and customize settings

  o How to seek support

<u>Prerequisites</u>

o Basic computer literacy

o Knowledge of your district-supplied Blackboard username and password

Materials Needed

o Fully-charged laptop

o 7 vocabulary words and definitions (supplied by the instructor)

Academy Objectives

o To see the possibilities in how you may utilize StudyMate in your discipline

o To increase the student engagement level in your classes with interactive activities or games

What is StudyMate?

o StudyMate is a web-based tool that allows you to create interactive and engaging vocabulary activities and games using simple templates supplied by StudyMate.

Today's Agenda

o Learn how to access StudyMate on Blackboard

o Learn how to enter vocabulary terms and definitions

o Learn how to access interactive games and activities

o Learn how to create a StudyMate assignment in Blackboard so that your students can start using StudyMate right away!

Let's Begin!

o Log on to Blackboard
- o You can access it via SLSD web site by clicking on the Staff Center tab.

o Log on using your username and password
- o Username: sn99.peraltaj
- o Password: try your SLSD password

o Click on *Classes*

o Select *Southern Lehigh School District* from the *Class Catalog* list.

o Find *JoAnn Peralta's Workshop* and click on the double-arrow drop down menu.

o Select *Enroll*.

o Type in the password *studymate*.

o The enrollment process is complete.

Entering Terms/Definitions

O Step 1: Click on *Workshop Assignments* to access the StudyMate activity.

O Step 2: Click on *Select this item* to begin entering your vocabulary terms and definitions.

O Step 3: Click on the **Edit** tab, this is where items can be entered through three templates: Fact, Term/Definition, and Multiple Choice templates.

Entering Terms/Definitions

O For this workshop, choose the *Term/ Definition* template and begin to enter the term and definition for the seven words that I have supplied for you.

O After you have entered the term and definition, make sure to click on *Add to List*.

Playing and Viewing Your StudyMate Activity

o Step 1: Once you have entered all of your words and definitions, click on the *View tab*.

o Choose an activity.

o Begin playing.

Creating a New Assignment in Your Course Content Folder

o If you have a Blackboard course already setup, go ahead and access that course now and practice the steps with me.

o If you do not have a Blackboard course already setup, no worries, just follow along with me.

Creating a New Assignment in Your Course Content Folder

o Step 1: Make sure the *Edit Mode* is *ON* before you begin. The Edit Mode allows the instructor to edit content in his/her Blackboard course.   This button is located in the upper right corner of the screen.

o Step 2: Select the course content folder in which you want the StudyMate activity to be displayed.

o Step 3: Click on the double-arrow drop down menu of the *Add Interactive Tool* button and select *StudyMate Class* from the menu.

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o Step 4: Create a title for your activity and set the editing rights. You can decide which items are important for your activity.

o Step 5: Return to the course content folder and make sure that the StudyMate activity was successfully added to your course content.

Using the Grade Feature

o The *Grade* tab, which is only available to instructors, lists each student in the course who has accessed the StudyMate Class activity.

o Students who have not accessed StudyMate Class will not be listed in the Grade tab.

<u>Using the Grade Feature</u>

o When grading is enabled in the *settings tab*, a new column will be created in the native grade book and grades will be synchronized between the values entered on the *Grade tab* and the grade book.

o Once grading has been enabled and some grades have been saved this setting cannot be changed.

o Changes to the column should be made directly in the native grade book.

Where to Seek Help

o Once you are logged on to Blackboard you will see the *blendedschools.net Resources* window.

o Here is where you can access hundreds of tutorials on StudyMate and other Blackboard features.

o Simply choose *BSN Knowledge Base Bb 9.1 Search* from the window and then search for StudyMate tutorials.

The End

o I hope you found this workshop to be informative.

o I hope you discovered that StudyMate is a fun way to introduce course content vocabulary words to your students.

o StudyMate is easy to use and fun for students, so begin using it in your classroom today.

Thank you!