Peer Review in Canvas
Student Guide

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What is a peer review Assignment?

Instructors can create peer review assignments for their students to complete. Peer reviews are not anonymous.

Your teacher may design some assignments to require peer review, meaning that you receive one or more of your classmates' assignments to read, comment on, and score, and they will receive yours.

How Peer Review Works

A peer review assignment has a:

1. Submission due date
2. Peer review due date
3. Lock date

Assignments may be automatically redistributed by Canvas after the submission due date, giving you a chance to review your classmates' assignments before the peer review due date.

**Note**: If you do not submit your assignment before the submission due date, your assignment may not be automatically redistributed to your classmates—you would have to ask your instructor to do that manually.

The lock date prevents any submissions.

**Note**: Students will not be able to be assigned peer reviews or see their assigned peer reviews until they have submitted their own assignments.

How do I know if I have a peer review to complete?

Your instructor can assign you as a peer reviewer for an assignment. Follow these steps to check if you have been assigned as a peer reviewer.
View Past Assignments

Past Assignments

Assignment 1

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Your instructor should tell you which assignments require peer review. Click the title of an assignment from your past assignments to see if you have been assigned as a peer reviewer.

Check for Assigned Peer Review

The Submission box on the right side of your screen will show whose assignments you should peer review. Click the student's name to complete your peer review.
Peer Review Assignments

A peer-review assignment enables students to comment on submitted assignments. It is a tool that allows communication between students and allows students to master the concepts of a course.

How do I submit a peer review to an Assignment?

Sometimes instructors will assign students to peer review another student's work.

When you view your Past Assignments, you will have to remember what Assignment needed to be peer reviewed. Your instructor should tell you when you need to complete a peer reviewed assignment. Click on the title of the assignment to open it.

Open Assigned Peer Review
1. Click the name of the assigned peer whose work you will be reviewing. The caution sign icon indicates the peer review has not been completed. A checkmark icon indicates that you have completed the peer review.

Completing a Peer Review

Once the assignment submission due date has passed and assignments have been redistributed for peer review, you can complete a peer review of your classmates' work.

1. Go into the assignment and look for assigned work on the right hand side under Assigned Peer Reviews:

2. Click on the classmate's name to review their assignment. You'll be able to view most uploaded files, or link out to external web sites, or view recorded media--whatever your classmate submitted you'll be able to access.

3. Provide general comments on the submission (using text or by recording media).

4. If your teacher has provided a rubric, you can score the project based on those criteria--simply click Show Rubric in the upper right hand corner.
Complete the Peer Review

In order to complete the Peer Review, you will need to leave at least one comment.

1. Type a comment in the comment field or
2. Leave a media comment or
3. Attach a file
4. Click the Save button to complete the peer review

Note: When completing a peer review, students cannot see the teacher's comments or their peer's comment on the submission.
1. A peer review requires at least one comment. If you want to add annotations to the assignment.

Where can I find my peers' feedback for peer reviewed assignments?

You can find your peers' feedback for peer reviewed assignments in several places.

View Recent Feedback in the Sidebar

Recent comments from peer reviewed assignments can appear in the sidebar when you first log in to Canvas.
View Peer Review on the Assignment Page

You can also see your peers’ feedback on the assignment page. When you navigate to the page for that assignment, all comments from your peers appear in the Submission box.

![Submission Details](image)

View Peer Review on the Submission Details Page

Click the Submission Details link on the assignment page to see more information about the assignment. You can view peer review on the Submission Details page as well.

![Submission Details](image)
Viewing Peer Review(s) of Your Assignment

Once a classmate has finished reviewing your assignment, you can see his or her comments and score by going to the Assignments and clicking on your submission:

You can send comments on your assignment back to the instructor and whomever peer-reviewed your work in the Comments area. This is a good way to discuss and figure out what you could do better on the assignment.