

# Collaborate and Elevate

Transformative Formative Assessments.

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# Hello! I'm...



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**How I model  
collaboration for my  
students**

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**How students use it**  
Formative Assessments

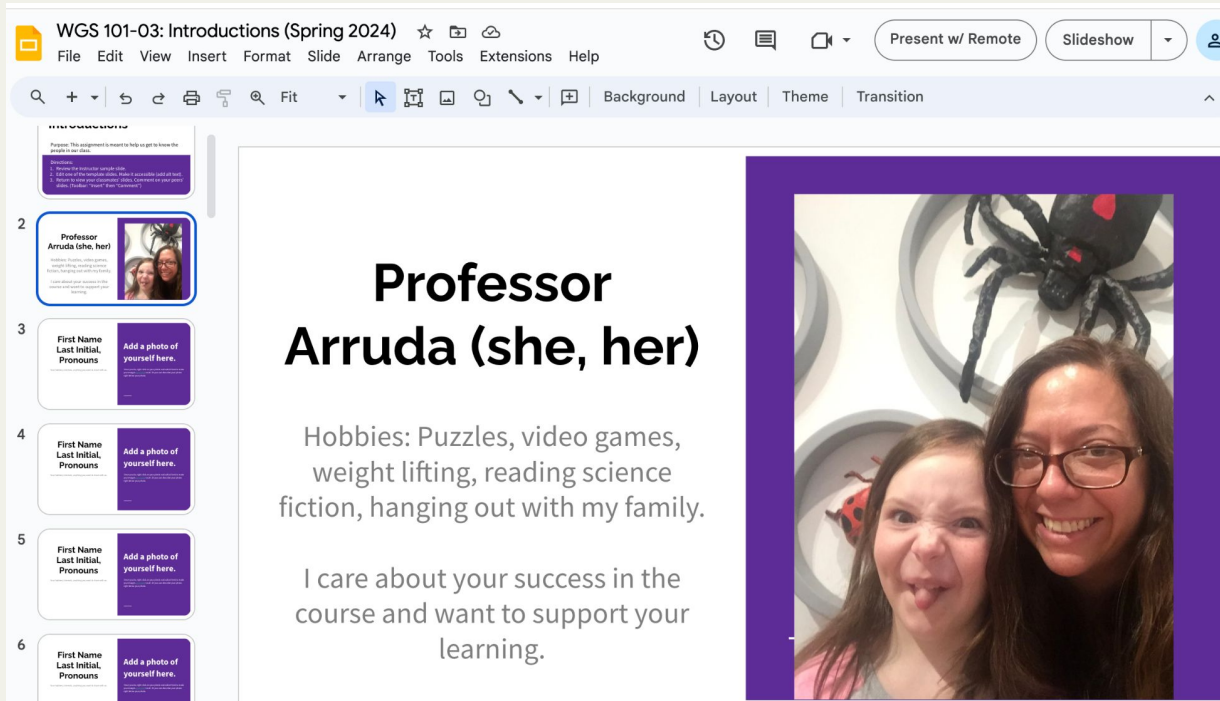
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**Tips for success**

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**Impact**

Research on Online  
Collaborative Tools



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# Model Collaboration

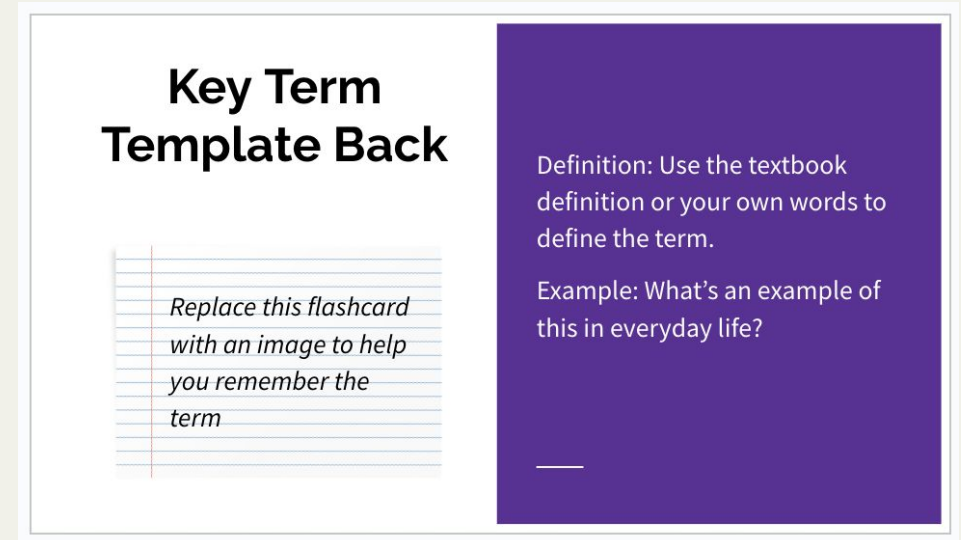
Low-Stakes Assignment: Google slide for Class Introductions

Group discussions and activity first day

Classroom Discussion Guidelines

Mentimeter: polls and word clouds

# 02 Student Collaboration



- Large Class Collaboration:
  - Collaborative Class Notes
  - Instructor created Template (model how to take notes)
  - Alternative participation points
- Small Group Collaboration
  - Test Preparation: Key Terms flashcards (google slides) and Readings summaries (google docs)
  - One higher-order multiple-choice test question

# WGS 101 Class Notes

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This is the alternative assignment for class participation.

I especially encourage students who are too shy in class to speak up in large class discussions to contribute to this document. With these collaborative class notes, if you or others miss a class, you can see what we did that day and get caught up.

*Each time you contribute to this document, copy and paste your contribution and the date to the participation assignment submission link so I can give you credit.*

## Participation Grading:

Please choose between the traditional method OR the alternative method below.

Grading	Traditional Participation	Alternative Participation Methods
Ideal; Excellent 90-100%	The student regularly speaks up in class (once a week). They answer my questions during lectures and/or bring up their <u>own</u> questions, comments <u>or</u> connections in <u>large</u> class discussions. Contributions are	The student regularly contributes to the collaborative class notes <u>google</u> document (once a week or so, approx. 8+ contributions). Contributions are thoughtful, thorough <u>and</u> substantive.

02

# Online Class Notes

## Test 1 (2023)

# Reading Summary Overview and MC Questions

**Instructions: Groups 2,3,4,5,6: Summarize the readings/videos assigned to your group.**

Readings/Video Summary Requirement:

- Copy and paste the author's name and title from the study guide and put it in bolded text.
- Who is the author/creator? (Google them - add a phrase about their expertise in this topic).
- What is the author's/creator's thesis or main argument?
- Add a quote from the reading/video that helps illustrate the main idea of the article/video.

### Group 2

- Video: Sarkeesian, [Bechdel Test for Women](#)
- Uwujaren and Utt, "Why Our Feminism Must Be Intersectional (And 3 Ways to Practice It)"
- Johnson, "Patriarchy, A System"
- Video: Owens, "What is Patriarchy"

### Group 3

- Hopkins, [What is intersectionality?](#)
- Lorber, "Night to His Day: The Social Construction of Gender,"
- Henley & Freeman, "The Sexual Politics of Interpersonal Behavior,"
- McIntosh, "Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack"

### Group 4

- Tatum, "Defining Racism: Can We Talk?"
- [Implicit Bias: Peanut Butter, Jelly and Racism](#)



# Test Prep

# 03 Tips



Group Contract: Group # \_\_\_\_\_

The intent of this contract is to hold group members accountable to conduct, and responsibilities that the group feels are important to a healthy working relationship. This contract will be in effect throughout the duration of this class, and all group members will be responsible for maintaining compliance with this contract.

## Group-Generated Ground Rules

1. We will communicate via \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Other than class, we will attempt to meet \_\_\_\_\_ (frequency) \_\_\_\_\_ (location) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If one of us has to miss a meeting, we will \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We need \_\_\_\_\_ number of members present to make decisions.
5. Once decisions are decided by the group, \_\_\_\_\_ will send an email/text to all members to record this decision.
6. During our meetings, we expect each group member to:  
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7. These are the steps we will take with members who do not participate enough or distract others from our work:
8. To make decisions, we will:

- Start with low - stakes formative assessments
- Clear instructions and templates for assignment
- Build trust and community: semester long groups
- Student created group rules
- Accountability



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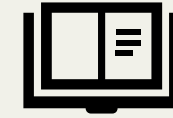
# 04 Impact



- Growth mindset of formative assessments
- Improve skills for underprepared students
- Students learning from each other
- Building class community; part of my "Community of care" practice

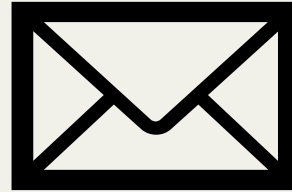
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# Thank you!



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