Using the YouTube Mashup Tool on Blackboard

The YouTube Mashup Tool is a good way for both Students and Instructors to post public YouTube Videos - they can be posted in any place the Blackboard Text Editor is used - Items, Discussion Board, Blog or Wiki, etc.

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If you already know a specific YouTube Video you want to use it's best to go to YouTube and find the exact name of the video. This will help when you are searching. It must be a Public (not unlisted or private) video to use the Mashup tool.

In the Blackboard Text Editor find the Mashup Tool

In the Blackboard Text Editor - find the Mashups tool in the third row then choose YouTube video

Finding the exact video

If you know the exact title - enter it here and choose "At least one of the words" - although it would seem "exact phrase" would work here, this often fails to find the video.
Preview and Select

With a little luck you've found the exact video - you can Preview then choose "Select"

Options

2. Mashup Options

Show YouTube URL creates a link to the YouTube website enabling information to display the length of the video, name of creator and the date uploaded.

View

Show YouTube URL: Yes  No

Show YouTube information: Yes  No

Always choose Yes here

You can investigate options but one you should always choose is "Show YouTube URL" - change this to Yes. This means if your viewers have browser issues they will still have the link to view the video directly on YouTube.

Scroll down and click Submit.

You can add more text after the video - then Submit again.
Success!!!

Your video and any other text now appear - Viewers can click on "Watch Video" and it will open in a window on top of Blackboard. If there are browser issues they will have a link as well.

Notes on Editing - In version 9.1.13 of Blackboard you won't see a "Reply" button below any discussion post unless your mouse is over that post - and if you are the author you won't see "Edit" or "Delete" until you move your mouse over as well!

Tip for deleting a YouTube mashup - you can't really edit the mashup - you have to delete and replace it - and it can be hard to select as well. To select it - type some text on lines both above and below the mashup and then select (by clicking and dragging) from the new line above, the mashup in the middle, and the new line below - once that's done you can delete!