



July 2023 Edition:

In the Canvas Newsletter we will discuss updates or changes in Canvas, changes at the University regarding distance education, and changes in software integrations inside Canvas. All Canvas updates will be available in Canvas by the 3rd weekend of the month.

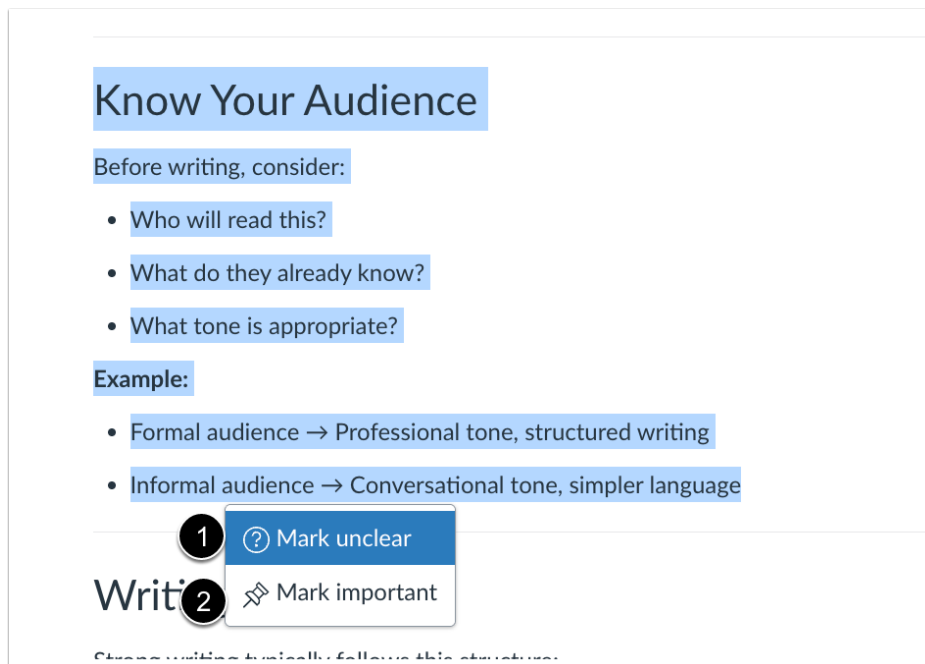
This newsletter will replace the release notes found in the help menu of Canvas, as not all the release notes affect ECSU; as well there are other updates and changes that are left out of those notes, which will be covered here.

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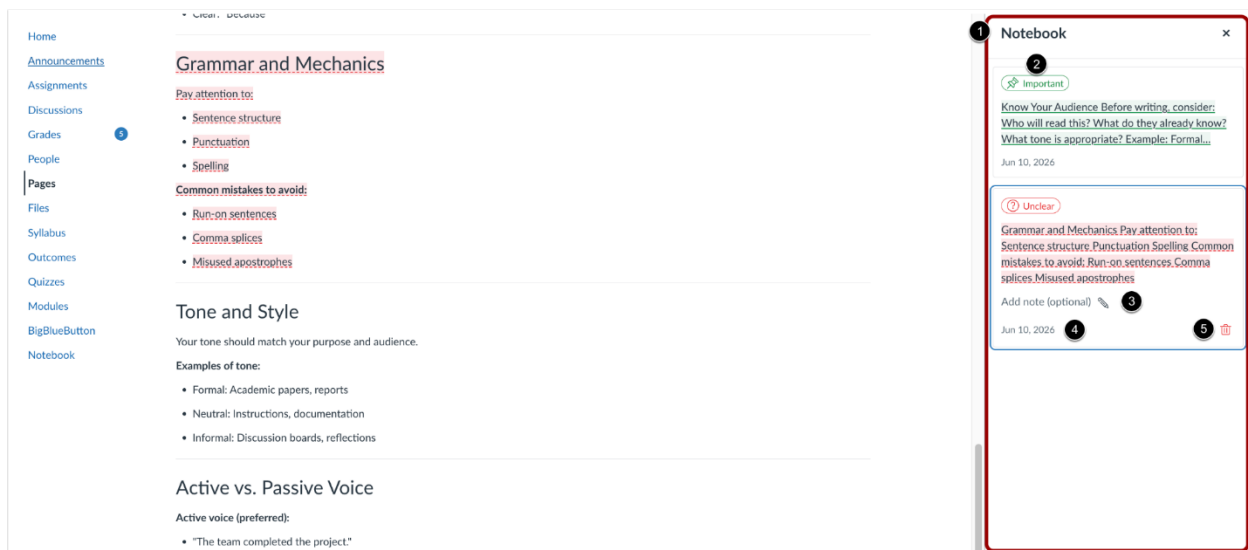
Notebook (available 7-20-26)

The Notebook, students can capture and organize highlights and notes on pages directly within their course content. Students can mark content as Unclear or Important, add notes, and manage their entries from a dedicated Notebook page in Course Navigation.

The benefit is to encourages active engagement with course materials: Gives students a structured way to interact with content as they learn, making it easier to study, reflect, and retain key information over time.

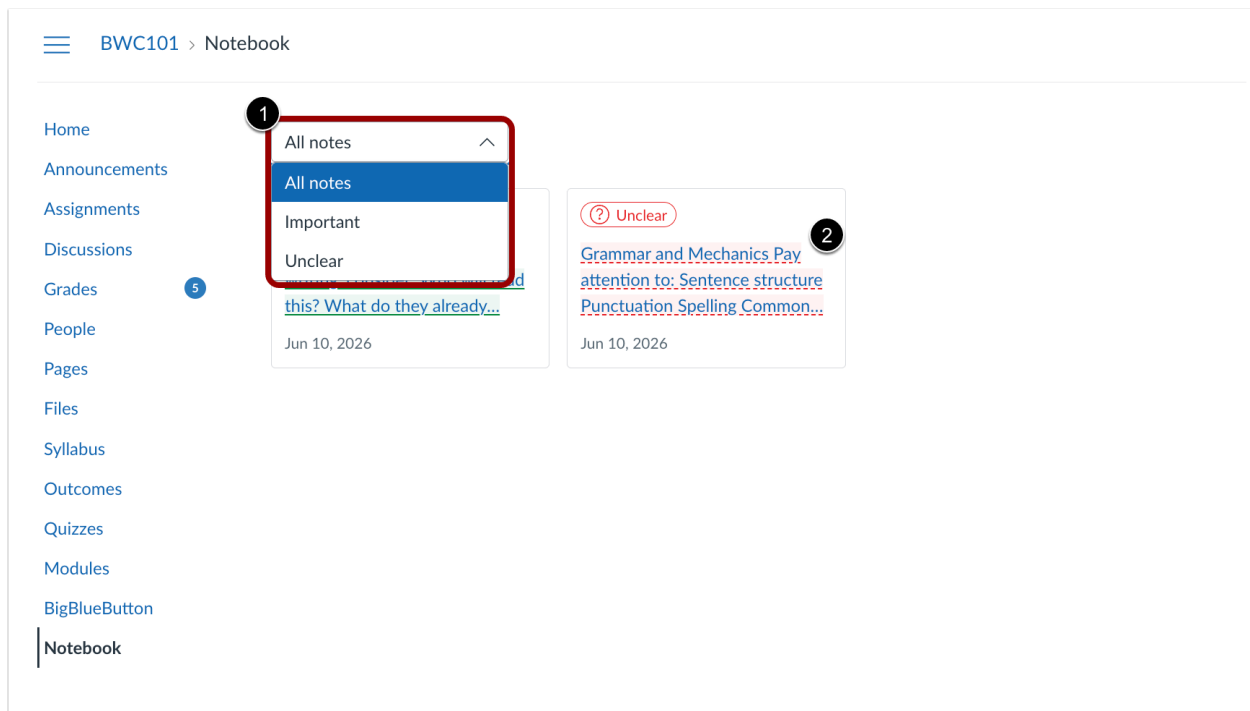


On Pages, students can highlight content and mark it as **Unclear** [1] or **Important** [2].



When content is marked, a Notebook tray opens where students can [1]:

- View whether the content is marked as Important or Unclear [2]
- Add notes [3]
- See the date the content was marked [4]
- Delete the note [5]



On the Notebook page, students can sort their notes [1] and click a notecard to return to the marked content [2].

Custom Links in Course Navigation

Instructors can add links to the course navigation menu. This enables instructors to add custom links to account, user, and course navigation menus, making it easier to surface key resources and improve access to important destinations.

Notes:

- When a course containing a link to an external resource is copied, the link remains functional in the new course.
- When a course containing a link to an internal resource is copied, references are automatically updated to point to the new course.
- When a course is exported, links are included in the exported course content.
- Instructors and students can open custom links in the Course Navigation menu in the Canvas mobile app. Creating links is not currently supported in the mobile app.

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Add a Link

In the Course Settings Navigation tab, click the **Add a Link** button to add a new navigation link.

The image shows a modal dialog box titled "Add Link" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog is divided into two main sections. The first section is labeled "Text *" and contains a text input field with a circled "1" next to it. Below the input field, there is a description: "This is the text that will show up in all placements." and a character count: "50 characters remaining". The second section is labeled "Link *" and contains a text input field with a circled "2" next to it. The input field contains the text "https://". Below this input field, there is a description: "This can be an external link or a Canvas URL. This link will open in a new tab." At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: a "Cancel" button and an "Add" button. The "Add" button is highlighted with a blue background and a circled "3" next to it.

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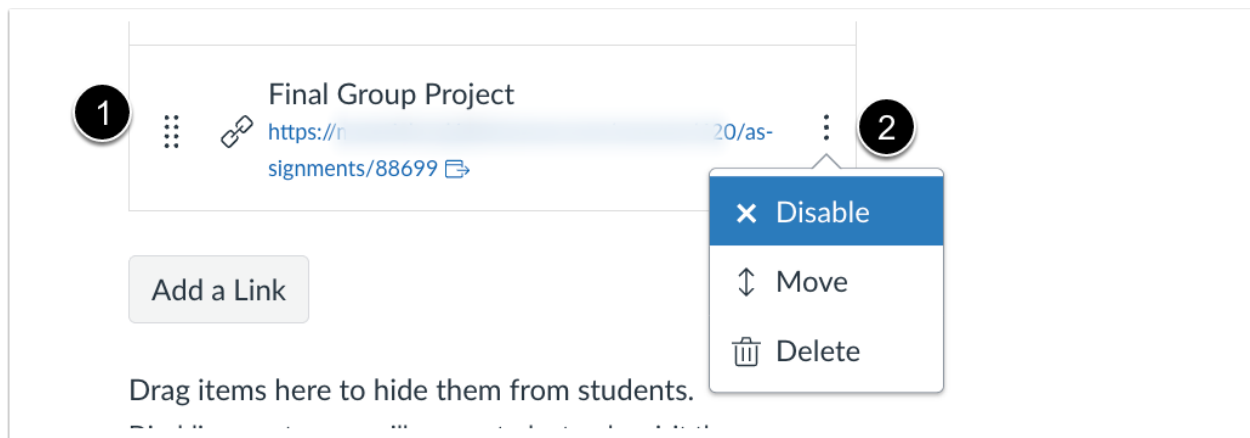
Link *

2

This can be an external link or a Canvas URL. This link will open in a new tab.

3

Add text [1] and a link [2]. Then click the **Add** button [3].



Once added, the link is automatically enabled in the Navigation menu [1]. To access additional actions, click the **Options** menu [2].

Notes:

- Changes must be saved before leaving the Navigation tab.
- Instructors can disable or move Course Navigation links created at the account level, but cannot delete them.

Canvas Integrations

Simple Syllabus

Simple Syllabus is a centralized, template-driven platform built by Simple Higher Ed that enables instructors to quickly personalize and publish interactive class syllabi—directly within the Canvas.

You can also [login here](#) directly to their website.