

A TLPDC QUICK TIP SHEET

“Advance Organizers are a visual organization practice which can be used at the beginning of a class or a new unit of study to provide a framework for how new information will be presented during the lesson/s” (CollegeStar website, 2021).

CONSIDER USING AN ADVANCE ORGANIZER IN YOUR COURSES:

Click the button at the right to review an excellent advance organizer for educators that can help them “humanize” their hybrid or online courses.

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By graphically presenting the information for students before asking them to, for example, read one of the studies from which the information is derived, the instruction material is organized in advance for them. It often allows a learner to associate prior understanding to new ways to use that information. And, it helps draw a learner’s attention to key themes that are often presented in dense reading. At the very least students will appreciate looking at something that is graphically pleasing, easy to absorb, and that can be used both in preview and then in review of the learning.

The infographic is hosted on a website that provides helpful templates so that anyone can create such an item and there are free account pricing structures available. As you can see from the “How to humanize your online class” infographic, these can be published online and a link directing students to them can simply be added within Blackboard by using **Build Content | Web link**.

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There are many other cloud-based options and the buttons link to a few available software solutions.

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