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Moodle goes social with the new "Board" activity!

Add a bit of social media flair to your course by creating a **Board** activity. When you add a Board, learners can share text, images, web links, and YouTube videos. They can even "like" or rate them if desired. And this activity can also be used as a brainstorming or resource collecting tool for learners working on a group project!

1. To add a Board to your course, turn editing on and choose the section where you want the Board to



appear. Click on \boldsymbol{Add} an activity or resource and select Board from the Activities tab.

- 2. Add a **Name** for the Board and provide any instructions in the **Description** textbox.
- 3. Open the **Board settings** options area.
- 4. Add a six-character (hexadecimal) code for the background color (see samples below or <u>look for more</u> <u>options</u>). **#E8E8E8** is the light gray shown in the examples that follow. (Be sure to include the # sign to introduce the number.)
- 5. **[OPTIONAL]** Upload a background image (portrait orientation works best). See samples below or look for free images at <u>pixabay.com</u> (our favorite image site!).
- 6. Indicate if you want any participants to be able to **rate the posts** made by their peers and select **Hide column headings** if desired.
- 7. Next, indicate if the posts should appear in the order created or be ranked by the number of ratings they receive.
- 8. To set a due date for submissions, check the option to **Limit students posting by date** to display the date and time fields shown in this example.
- 9. Save and display to determine the number of columns and set up column headings.

 General 			
Name	Current Events		
Description]) C A - B I J - Ⅲ Ⅲ № № !		
	Attach a link to an image or web page where things are happening related to our course!		
3	Display description on course page 🚱		
 Board settings 			
Background color	#E8E8E8		
Background Image	Maximum file size: Unlimited, maximum number of files: 1		
background image			
	Accepted file types:		
	Image (BMP) .bmp Image (JPEG) .jpeg .jpg Image (PNG) .png		
Rating posts	Disabled +		
	Disabled		
	by Students		
	by Teachers		
	by All		
	Hide column headers from students		
Sort by	Creation date 🗢		
	Creation date		
	Rating		
	Limit students posting by date < 8		
Post by date	24		

Your Board will initially look like this (depending on your screen, you may find you can view it best by collapsing the left navigation panel by clicking on the "hamburger" icon in the top left corner):

Current Events	eb page where things are happening rela	nted to our course!	Q -
^ Heading	•	× A Heading	* +
+	+	+	
^ National News	× A Regional News	× A Local News	+
+	+	+	

To provide a title for each column, click (like you mean it!) on the word **Heading**, then enter a brief label. To eliminate a column, click on the X in the upper right corner. To add a column, click on the plus sign. In the example above, we're providing space for learners to add content in three categories. Content is added by clicking on the plus sign in any column.

New post for colur	nn National News	×
Post title		
Content		
Media		
	Post Cance	el

Initiating a post displays a text field and three icons for attaching content: a web link, image file, or YouTube video (one type of content per post).

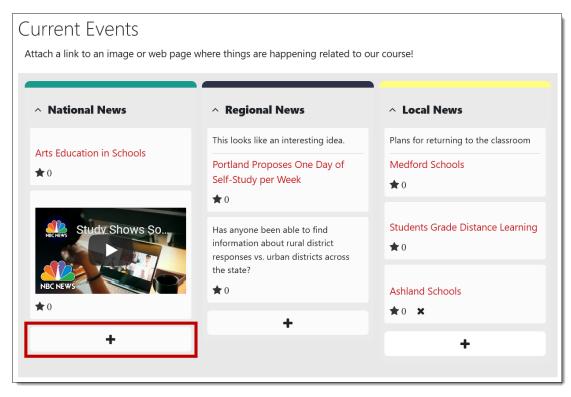
Media	Media 🗞 🎦
Link title	Video title
Link URL	YouTube URL
Media	
Image title	
Image file Max	imum file size: 10MB, maximum number of files: 1

Here's a sample board to give you a sense of how this works (teacher view);

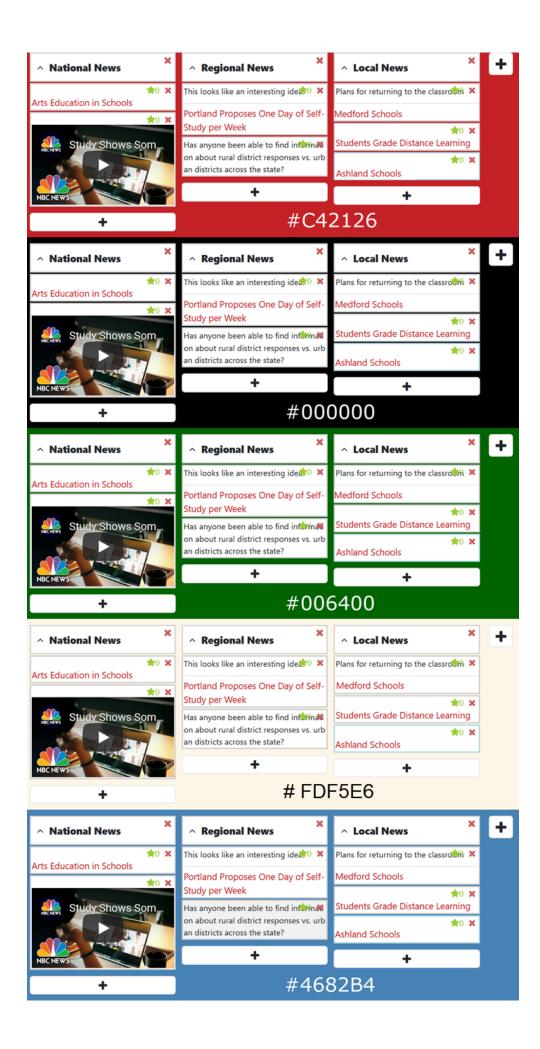
Current Events	Q -		
	Edit settings		
Attach a link to an image or web pa	Locally assigned roles		
			Permissions
×	×		Check permissions
^ National News	^ Regional News	^ Local	Filters
*•	This looks like an interesting ide 📩 🗴	Plans for retu	Competency breakdown
Arts Education in Schools	Portland Proposes One Day of Self-	Medford Sc	Logs
	Study per Week		Backup
Study Shows Som	Has anyone been able to find information	Students Gr	Restore
	on about rural district responses vs. urb an districts across the state?		🛓 Export CSV
	+		Export Submissions
NBC NEWS	T		
+			

Teachers can remove any posts, students can remove their own. As a teacher, you can **Export** the content of the Board to a CSV file or **Export Submissions** to get a complete record of who made which posts when. You can use the latter report as an aid to assigning grades, as this activity does not have a grade component built in.

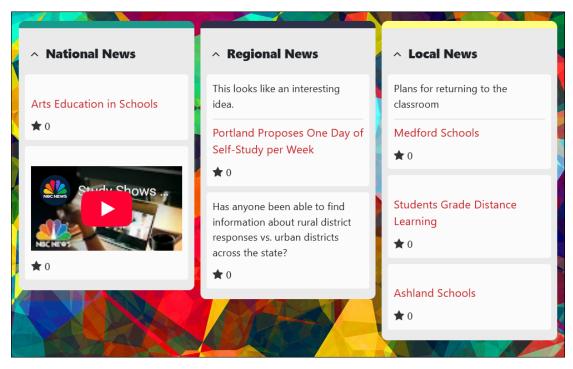
The student view of the activity looks like this:



Some ideas for different color backgrounds with the color codes indicated (the first one is Raider Red):



And just for fun, here's how the Board looks with a background image:



Hexadecimal codes for colors shown here:

- Raider Red #C42126
- Black #000000
- Green #006400
- Tan #FDF5E6
- Blue #4682B4

Image file from Pixabay: color-1152782_1280.jpg

Others to explore:

- glass-items-3219069_640.jpg
- perspective-1306391_640.jpg
- flower-5364305_640.jpg
- lake-6641880_640.jpg
- blurred-1226286_1280.jpg