

# Quick Guide to Using Flipgrid

Flipgrid allows you and your students to create video-based, asynchronous discussions. Flipgrid foregrounds student presence and voice through images and video. Students can view each other's videos and post additional videos in response. Flipgrid also includes a way to record, edit, and automatically caption standalone videos called Shorts (up to 10 minutes in length).

## A Complement to Text-Based Discussions

- Creates a sense of personal interaction and community in online environments
- Good for introductions as students' cover images are prominently in a grid display
- Supports learning objectives centered on oral communication
- Mobile-friendly
- Can autogenerate captions for video
- Collaborative small group work
- Peer and/or instructor feedback on in-progress work
- Short presentations

## Set Up the Connection to Canvas

You will connect Flipgrid to Canvas by [adding Flipgrid as an External App in Canvas](#). Flipgrid provides detailed step-by-step instructions to set this connection up. Be sure to completely set this connection up **before** creating Assignments or discussion topics using Flipgrid.

As part of this process, you'll set up a free Educator account for Flipgrid. You can do so using the red Microsoft button and your Queens credentials. Students will **not** have to create such an account, because they'll access Flipgrid through Canvas.

## How You and Students Can Record and Post Videos or Audio Only

- Record using a computer or laptop, or using mobile device that has the Flipgrid App
- Record a video using Flipgrid's camera interface, which includes some editing ability
- Create a [screen recording using Flipgrid](#) in the most recent Chrome or Edge browser
- [Upload a video from a device](#)
- Students can record audio only with [Mic Only mode](#).
- Add [a link to an online resource](#), like a OneDrive file or webpage that is discussed in the video
- Photo Sticker can be added when recording to share a portion of work being discussed
- Whiteboard, grid paper and other "boards" with drawing and text tools (in some browsers)
- You can edit the Topic in Flipgrid to control the maximum video duration students can record
- [Access help for technical issues](#) and check out Flipgrid's [great new features](#)

## Shorts

[Flipgrid Shorts](#) allow you to make short stand-alone video recordings outside a Group. You can insert links or embed code for these into a learning management system. Flipgrid can autogenerate captions and you will use similar recording and editing options described above, depending on the browser you are using. Shorts cannot currently be recorded through the mobile App. The maximum duration is currently 10 minutes.