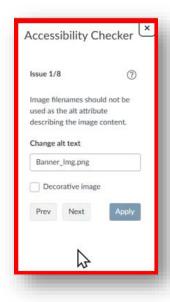


Using the Canvas Accessibility Checker

Accessibility Checker in the Rich Content Editor

- 1. Open the Canvas page and select the *Edit* button to open the Rich Content Editor.
- 2. In Edit mode, scroll to the bottom right corner of the editor. Select the *Accessibility Checker*, shown below.
- 3. Refer to the panel on the right side of the screen, shown to the right, to preview each issue the Accessibility Checker has identified.
 - a. Important: there are some page components that will not be identified by the Accessibility Checker and must be resolved manually. Refer to "Hyperlinks" and "Important Notes" sections of this guide.

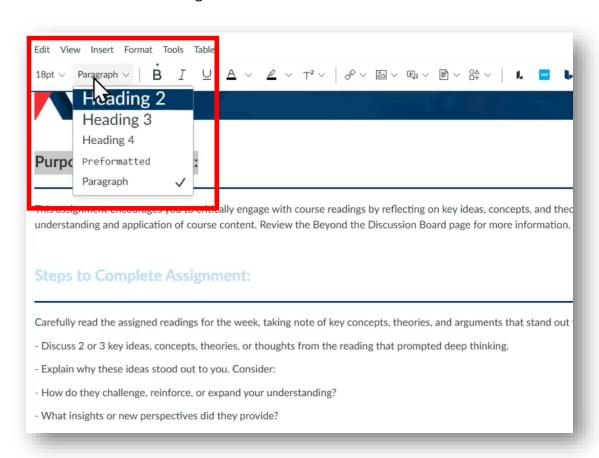






Heading Structure

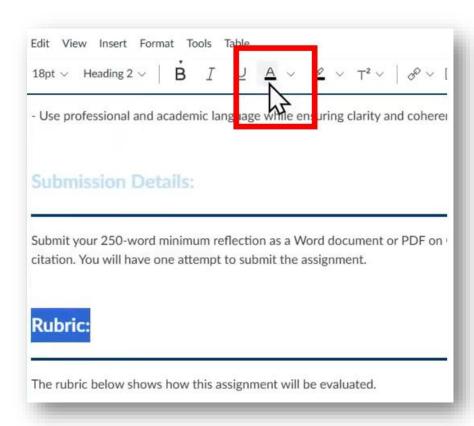
- 1. Section headings should be formatted using the Heading levels.
- 2. Highlight the text you wish to use as the section heading.
- 3. With that text highlighted, select the formatting drop down menu, demonstrated below.
- 4. Select Heading 2 for the heading text. Repeat and apply to all section headings.
 - a. If you have a sub-point beneath any of the sections, apply *Heading 3* to maintain a logical structure.





Color Contrast

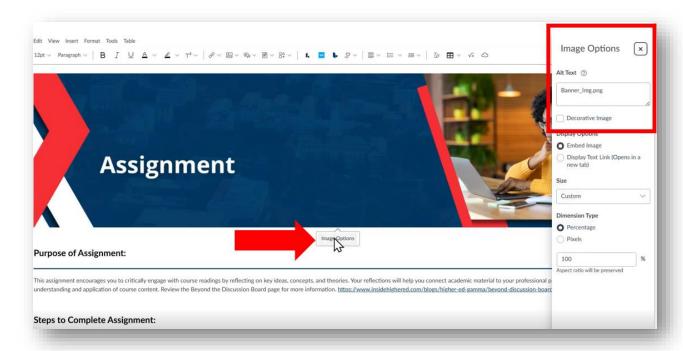
- 1. Select the text that does not meet contrast guidelines.
- 2. Select the Text Color box on the toolbar
- 3. Apply a high contrast color, such as black text on a white background or white text on a dark blue background.





Alternative Text for Images

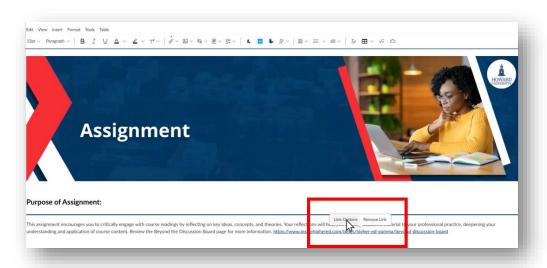
- 1. Select the image and click Image Options to open a panel on the right of your screen.
- 2. In the Alt Text box, enter a brief description of the image. Providing Alt Text allows students using screen readers to understand what the image represents in context.
 - a. Note: the image file name is not a valid description and will be flagged by the accessibility checker
- 3. If the image is decorative (e.g., banner image, university logo), check the Decorative Image box so that the image will be ignored by a screen reader.

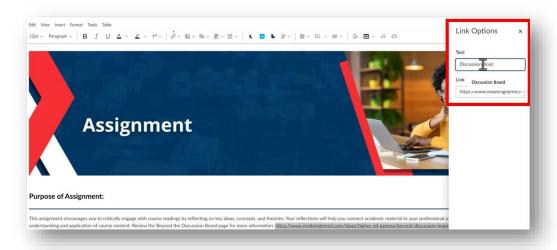




Hyperlinks

- 1. Select the text you wish to embed the link.
- 2. Select the Links button on the tool bar to open the Link Options panel.
- 3. Copy and paste the URL into the Link text box.
 - a. Note: ensure the descriptive text in the "Text" box is brief and clear.
- 4. Click Done at the bottom of the panel.
 - a. Note: test the link before publishing the course page







Manual List Formatting

- 1. Select the text that you wish to organize as a list.
- 2. Select the down arrow on the Ordered and Unordered Lists toolbar icon
- 3. From the drop-down menu, select your desired list type (e.g., bullets, numbers, letters)

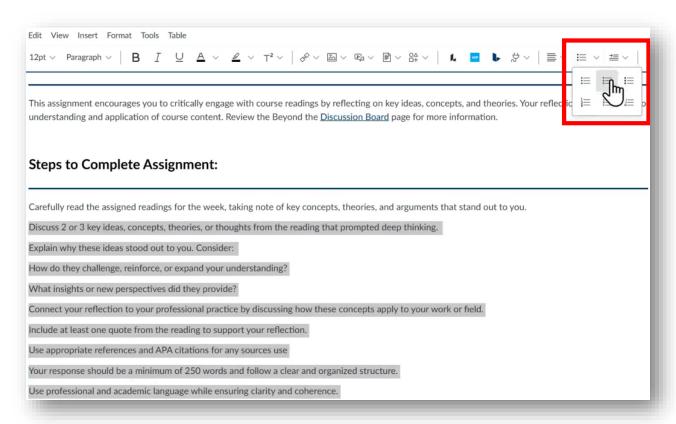
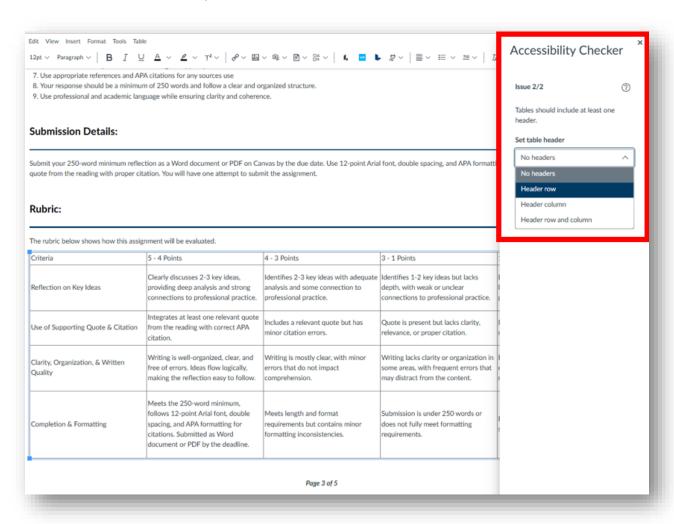




Table Formatting

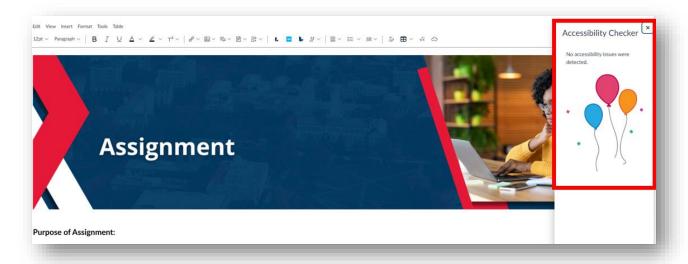
- 1. Insert by clicking *Insert > Table*. Use the grid to select the number of rows and columns, then click to insert the table.
- 2. Enter your data to the table
- Once you have entered your data, select the Accessibility Checker button at the bottom right of the Rich Content Editor.
- 4. In the Accessibility Checker panel, select the drop-down underneath Set table header and select Header row. Finally, click apply.
 - a. Note: Screen readers cannot interpret tables without the proper structure.
 Table headers provide direction and overview of the content.





A Final Check

- 1. Before saving the page, select the Accessibility Checker button and reveal the panel to confirm no accessibility issues remain.
- 2. Save or publish this page.





Important Notes

- The Accessibility Checker only evaluates content within the Rich Content Editor.
- It does not scan uploaded documents, such as PDFs or Word files.
- It does not detect missing video captions or vague hyperlink text—those must be reviewed manually.