EXPERIENCES WITH TWITTER AND INTRODUCTORY COLLEGE MATHEMATICS COURSES

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WHAT IS TWITTER

- Broadcast
- Short messages - 140 Characters
- Graphics
- Links
- Short duration - 1 week
- Limitations can be a benefit
  + Less distracting
  + Forced concise
HOW I USE TWITTER

- Bulletin board
  - Quizzes
  - Support
  - Review
- Reply to Inquiries
- Cool links
- Math4sher
CHALLENGES

- Don’t want accounts
  - Twazzup & Twinitor
- Tribalism
  - Persistance
- Lost Tweets
  - Verify
  - Alternatives
- Weakest Students
QUIZZES

- Starting class with 10 minute question
  + Settles class
  + Review
  + Encourage prompt
  + Feedback

- Twitter Advantages:
  + Advanced notice
  + Absent students
STUDENT MESSAGES

- Quick inquires
  - Due dates
  - Email
  - Assignment clarifications
# TAGS

- Private topic spaces on twitter
- #shermat111 for my mat111
- Separates out relevant from nonsense
- Students can post too
  + They won’t
TWINITOR & TWAZZUP

- Twitter search engines
- As reliable as twitter
- No log in required
- Twinitor Wants to put viruses on
  - If it asks you to download something, don’t
- Twazzup better now
- www.twazzup.com or www.twinitor.com
SMS (TEXTING)

- Text "follow @math4Sher" To 40404
- Tweets well be texted to you
- "off @math4sher" stops twitter sms
- Your results may vary
- https://support.twitter.com/articles/14020
- Track command doesn’t actually work.
BIG TWEETS

- Some things not 130 letters
- Can tweet pictures
- Windows:
  - prnt scr Button
  - Paint accessory
  - Paste
  - Save as gif
- Mac:
  - Command shift 3
  - Creates png on desktop
TWEETING DOCUMENTS

- 1 page at a time, like review sheet or instructions
- Print to journal note writer
TWEETING DOCUMENTS (2)

- Export as (in file menu of Windows Journal) and select tif as your file type
- Open tif file in paint accessory
  save as gif
- Attach gif file to tweet
The effect of Twitter on college student engagement and grades

Student Behaviors and Opinions Regarding the Use of Social Media, Mobile Technologies, and Library Research

Grassroots Professional Development: How Teachers Use Twitter

#mathchat

Eight Videos to Help Teachers Get Started Using Twitter
CONCLUSION

- Twitter makes broadcast communication easier
- Students can resist
- Allows students to get advanced notice or know what they missed.
- Do not need a smart phone can follow by text
- #tag focuses search
- Use images to overcome character limit.