

Week 3 Sample Discussion Post

I am designing Personality Theories (PPE 3003) to be administered fully online. For IDL I'm working on the research methods module. My basic objectives for this module are for students to understand how psychologists conduct research in general and how those methods apply to personality psychologists in particular. Typically students struggle with this information especially issues such as positive/negative correlations, independent/dependent variables, and types of reliability and validity. In my face-to-face classes I've used clickers to get a feel for student understanding when we cover this topics. I'm thinking that in the online class I'll try using some kind of online game (maybe a Jeopardy simulation) to give them practice. I wanted to post .pdfs of newspaper articles discussing different research findings and ask students to identify the type of research: if it is correlational they'll need to discuss whether the result indicates a positive or negative correlation. If it is an experiment they'll need to identify the IV and DV. After last week's copyright stuff, though, I'm worried this may not be allowed. Do you think YouTube clips of classic studies might be better? I'm just worried that they'll be removed before the whole class completes the exercise or that I won't be able to use them again next term.