# Flip, Don't Flop

Librarians Provide Effective Hybrid

Learning Experiences

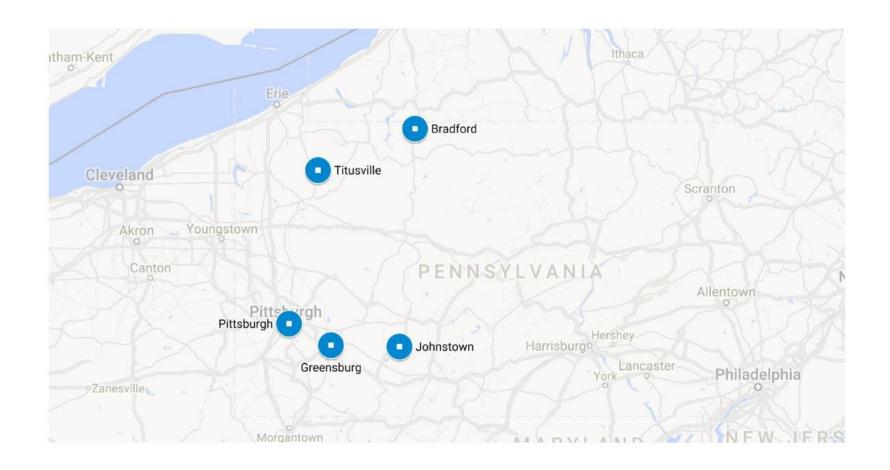
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# **About Us: Regional Campuses**







# **Moving Online? Take a Librarian**

### Initiative/Issue

Transforming aspects of in-person instruction to a virtual environment

#### **Rationale and Purpose**

- Flipped learning and asynchronous content
  - More class time for questions and in-depth engagement
  - Pre-class activities mirror previous in-person group activities

#### **Exploration**

How two regional campuses maximized this transition





# Our First-Year Programs, Before

#### Greensburg

Each section of Freshman Cornerstone had two library sessions.

Group activities were the focus

- keyword/topic development
- database and catalog searches
- citation creation

Librarians also explained ways to get research help and other services.





# First Year Group Work at Greensburg

#### **Locating Articles in Databases**

Cornerstone/Seminar @ Millstein Library library.pitt.edu

Work with your group to answer these questions about your assigned database.

Write a brief description of the database. (Hint: look at the short description given on the Databases A-Z
page to answer this question).



2. Now begin

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#### Using PittCat to Find Books

Cornerstone/Seminar @ Millstein Library library.pitt.edu

So many books – how can you get the ones you really need? Work with your group to answer these questions:

- 1. Type "food" into the search box in PittCat. How many results do you get?
- 2. Now limit your resu
- In the search box at you run this search?
- 4. Locate one of each of

#### Developing Your Research Topic

Cornerstone/Seminar @ Millstein Library

General Research Topic is Food & Nutrition.

As with most topics, there are many areas that could be researched: scientific, legal, social, economic, political...
With your group, talk about your interests and decide on keywords, and alternatives (synonyms) to those
keywords, to narrow down this topic.

Examples: GMO - Altered Foods, Organic Food - Natural Food

Keyword 1: Alternative Keyword 1:

Keyword 2:

Alternative Keyword 2:



# Our First-Year Programs, Before

#### **Bradford**

#### **Collaboration with Freshman Seminar faculty**

- FS Library Guide (LibGuide) reflects common reader.
- In-class presentations address problematic topics noted in previous course surveys and faculty feedback.





#### Freshman Seminar Toolkit - Bradford

This guide will provide resources for Freshman Seminar students and faculty on the Bradford Campus.

**Freshman Seminar Overview** 

**Common Reader Program** 

Common Reader 2020: The Nickel Boys

Hate Has No Home Here Program

**Hanley Library Information** 

Locating Articles Using Library Databases

Locating Print and Ebooks Using the Library Catalog

**Information Literacy** 

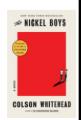
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**Fake News** 

**Debunking Fake News** 

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Common Reader 2020: The Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead



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#### **Factitious**

http://factitious.augamestudio.com/#/

Look up a story through Factitious. What is the headline? Did you guess correctly that it was true or false?

#### **Debunking Sites**

Look through two sites. List the headlines you viewed beside the site URL

- 1. FactCheck http://www.factcheck.org
- 2. Hoax-Slayer <a href="http://www.hoax-slayer.net">http://www.hoax-slayer.net</a>
- 3. Politifact http://www.politifact.com
- 4. Real or Satire http://realorsatire.com
- 5. Snopes http://www.snopes.com
- 6. Truth or Fiction http://www.truthorfiction.com
- 7. WSJ Blue Feed Red Feed http://graphics.wsj.com/blue-feed-red-feed







### 'Because 2020'

#### March 2020:

Quick pivot to working online and teaching remotely

#### **Summer 2020:**

- University switches to Canvas from Blackboard
- Library system implements a new online catalog
- Redesigned library websites launch

#### August 2020:

Fall term begins -- a week earlier than usual





# Flipped Tutorials – WHAT and why

Flipped tutorials are learning modules completed by students **before** a library instruction session.

Greensburg created citation and keyword activities.

 These activities and short videos were part of a Canvas module shared with instructors.

Bradford utilized the Freshman Seminar LibGuide and common reader as flipped resources.

 Also posted tutorials (research processes) and Zoom instruction sessions within faculty Canvas sites.





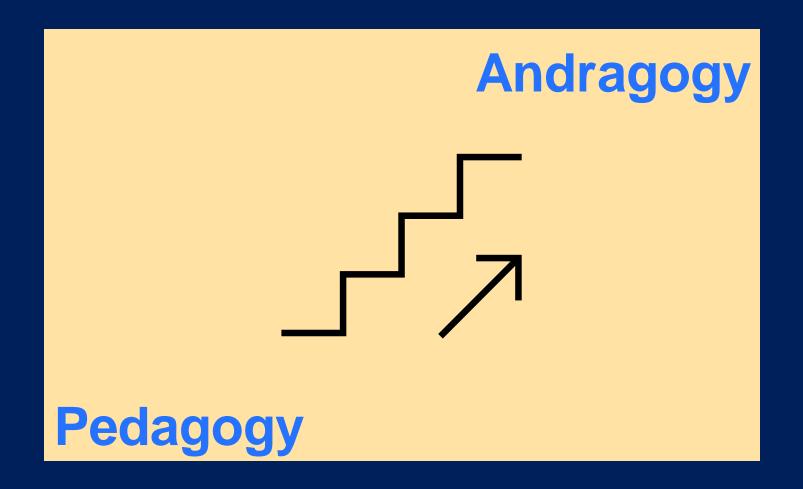
# Flipped Tutorials — what and WHY

- ✓ Encourage active learning & collaboration.
- ✓ Allow greater depth of instruction: meaningful to students.
- ✓ Well suited to online environment.
- ✓ Enable repeated review of recorded materials.
- ✓ Address varying student schedules.





Acknowledge & encourage increasing independence of emerging young adults in managing their learning.







### **Bridging Learning Levels: Flipped Learning**

Bridges developmental phases.

Supports independence: Time management & planning.

Provides extrinsic motivation: adolescents.

**Encourages organization skills.** 

Provides context for in-session work.

Offers explicit, didactic instruction.





### Bridging Learning Levels: Flipped Learning Continued

Provides structure, timeline, due date.

Offering personal choice especially helpful: differences in experience.

Learner-centered approach; yet teacher-driven.

Problem-centered for efficiency and meaningful work.

Teacher as facilitator.

**Encourages self-assessment.** 





# First-Year Programs: Why Librarians?

#### FYE collaborations with librarians:

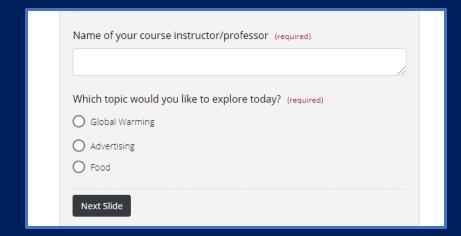
- Demonstrate the support network available across campus units
- Introduce students to people and services they will need, and provide context on how they can help
- Connect first-year students to resources they may not know to seek out
  - Young adult students may not have had a high school library or librarian
  - Transfer students or adults returning to the classroom can benefit from instruction on the academic resources available to them online





# First Year Flipped Tutorials Greensburg

|   | Pitt-Greensburg Keyword Tips   |
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|   | PittCat Practice   |
| Please go ahead and do a few searches in PittCat. Which part of the process would you like to see reviewed in more detail? (required) | If the webpage <a href="https://pitt.grimo.ex/lbrisgroup.com/">https://pitt.grimo.ex/lbrisgroup.com/</a> is not displaying below <a href="https://pitt.grimo.ex/lbrisgroup.com/">https://pitt.grimo.ex/lbrisgroup.com/</a> is not displaying the displaying com/ |
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|   | Search anything  |
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#### Pitt-Greensburg Understanding Citations

#### MLA Citation Examples

Below are some examples of MLA style citations. **Note:** Some instructors may require access dates for websites or other pieces of information. Please check with your instructor if you have any questions.

| Works Cited  |
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| Card, Claudia. <i>The Atrocity Paradigm: A Theory of Evil</i> . Oxford UP, 2005.   |
| Gaither, Milton. <i>Homeschool: An American History</i> . Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. <i>SpringerLink</i> , doi-org.pitt.idm.oclc.org/10.1057/978-1-349-95056-0.                                       |
| Doggart, Julia. "Minding the Gap: Realizing Our Ideal Community Writing Assistance Program." <i>The Community Literacy Journal</i> , vol. 2, no. 1, 2007, pp. 71-80.                                 |
| Sherrard-Johnson, Cherene. "'A Plea for Color':<br>Nella Larsen's Iconography of the<br>Mulatta." <i>American Literature</i> , vol. 76, no. 4, 2004,<br>pp. 833-869, doi: 10.1215/00029831-76-4-833. |
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Providing accurate citations puts your work and ideas into an academic context. They tell your reader that

#### Pitt-Greensburg Understanding Citations

What is a Citation and Why Should You Use Them?

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|  | To Provide Credibility to Your Work & to Place Your Work in Context  |





# Fall 2020 Feedback: Survey Says...

#### Greensburg first-year & transfer student survey responses

- 98%: information shared in class and tutorials will be helpful.
- "All topics I had questions about were answered."
- "I enjoyed the citation information that was provided to us."
- "Everything I was hoping for was covered (mostly about citations)."





**Collections** 

Libraries

## First Year **Flipped Tutorials Bradford**

#### **Course & Subject Guides**

ULS / LibGuides / Bradford / Freshman Seminar Toolkit - Bradford / Freshman Seminar Overview

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#### **Freshman**

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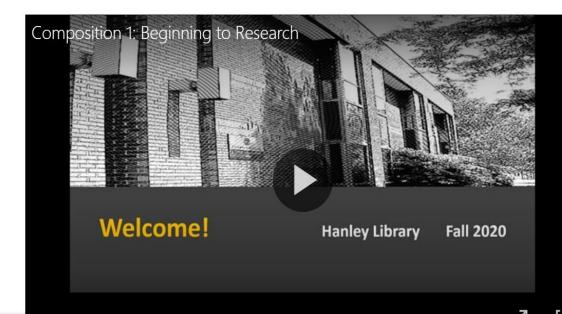
















# **Moving Forward**

### Keep flipped tutorials - Greensburg

- Allow us more time to explore information literacy topics with students.
- "I really like that there are pre-class activities." instructor

# Keep LibGuide & tutorials; add more flipped experiences - Bradford

- Add more research process tutorials to faculty Canvas sites.
- Record instruction sessions for preview and review by students.
- Add links for tutorials to Freshman Seminar Tool Kit.





# Moving Forward continued

## **Online learning**

- Make use of investment in technology.
- Address evolving culture in higher education.
- Satisfy student expectations for flexibility.
- Provide age-appropriate learning experiences.
- Enable deeper learning to occur.





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