### Google Documents for Teachers

What teachers need to know to get started using Google Documents in their classrooms.

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# Google Documents Documents, Presentations, Forms, and Spreadsheets

Google Documents is my preferred word processing tool. For the last five years I've created roughly 90% of all of my documents in Google Docs. Google Documents offers many benefits for teachers and students. When you create and or store files in your Google Documents account, those files are available through any computer with an Internet connection. This means that you don't have to send file attachments to yourself via email, carry a flash drive, or worry about file compatibility.

The collaboration options in Google Documents makes it a great tool for editing your students' writing as well as making it a great tool for peer-editing. Students can share documents with your or with each other. Once a document is shared comments and suggested edits can be placed in the margins of the document.

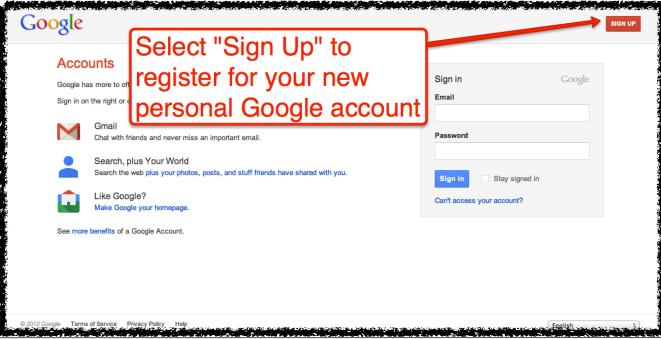
Files (documents, presentations, spreadsheets) that you create in Google Documents can be published to the web directly from your Google Documents account. Rather than running off paper copies of a document, post that document to the web through Google Docs. If you have a course blog or website you can post the link to your document for students to view.

Google Forms (a part of Google Documents) can be used to create and post short quizzes online. Forms can be embedded into blogs and websites or simply posted online as standalone pages. When students complete the quiz all of their responses are captured in a spreadsheet for easy viewing and grading. An advanced feature in Google Forms is the option to create a self-grading multiple choice/ true or false assessment.

To use Google Documents you need a Google account. The next pages will walk you through creating a Google account and get you started using Google Documents.

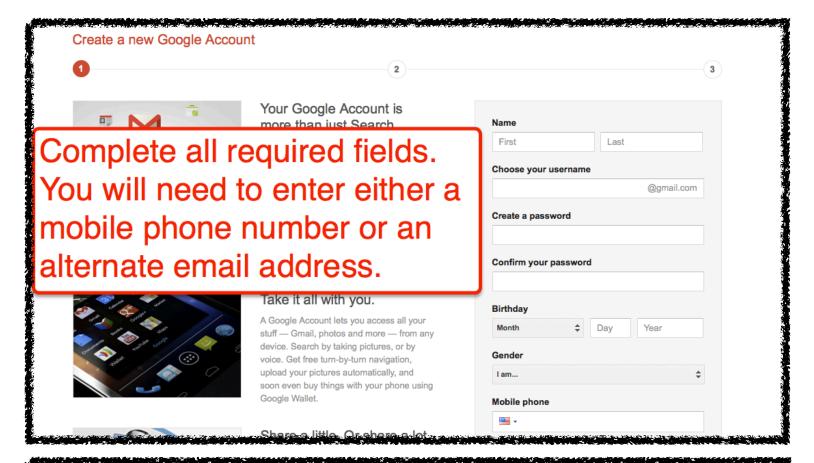
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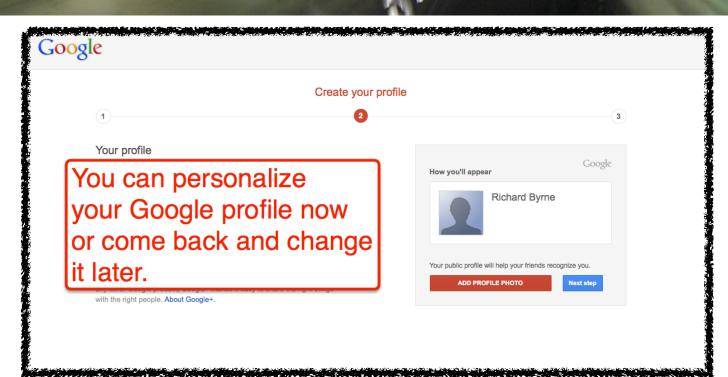
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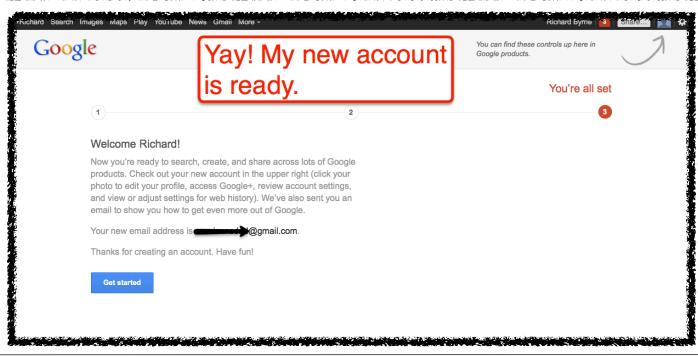


Your mobile telephone number or alternate email address will be used if you ever forget the password for your Google account.

If you are going to have a group of a dozen or more people try to register for Google accounts at the same time in the same place, mobile telephone numbers will be needed to verify that real people are registering for accounts. That is a spam protection that Google has in place. If you're requiring that students in your course(s) have Google accounts, consider having them create their accounts as a homework assignment.

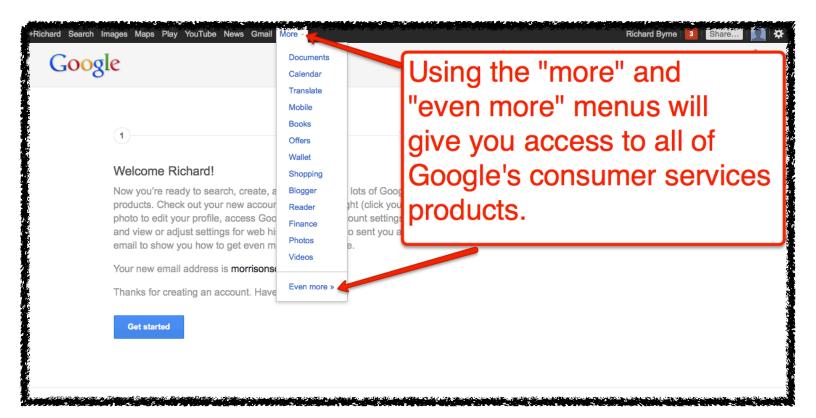
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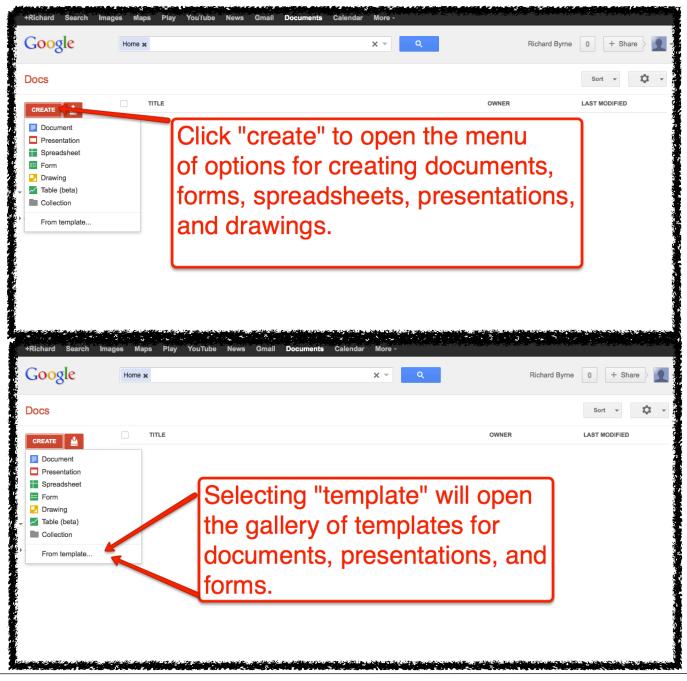
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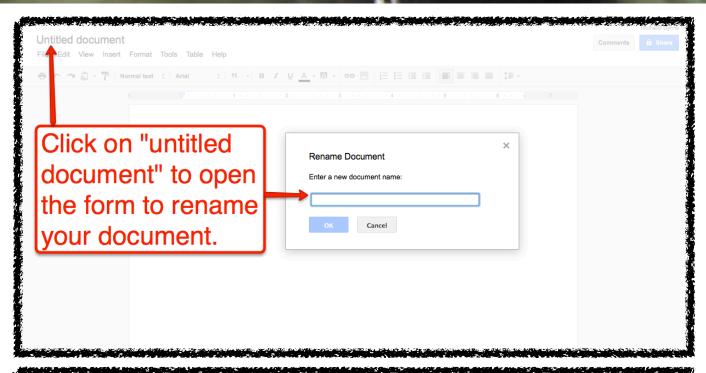
Now that you have created a Google account you can use any of the free products and services that Google offers. Their featured services are listed in the header of the Google.com homepage. Use the "more" drop-down menu to access the other products and services Google offers. If you know the URL of a service you can access it by entering it into your browser's address bar. For example, Google Documents can be found at http://docs.google.com

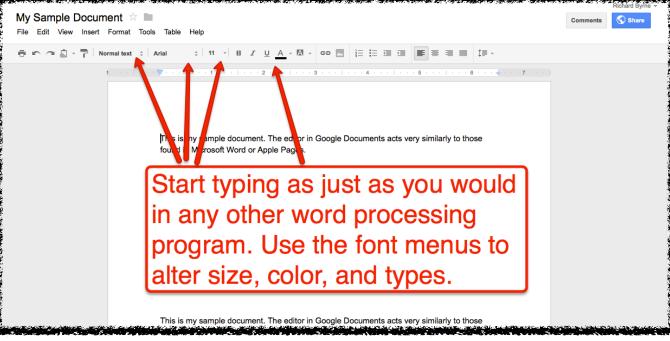
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Create a new document in Google Documents: Step 1

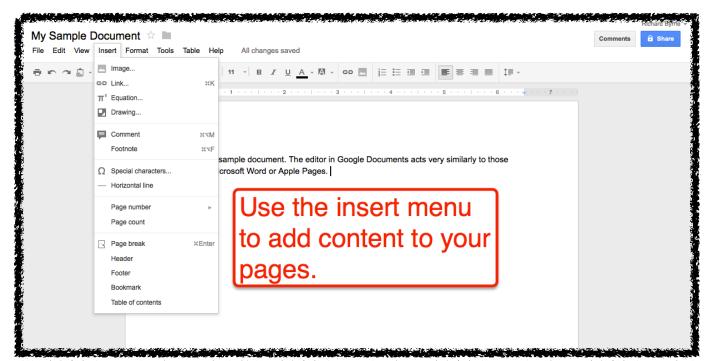


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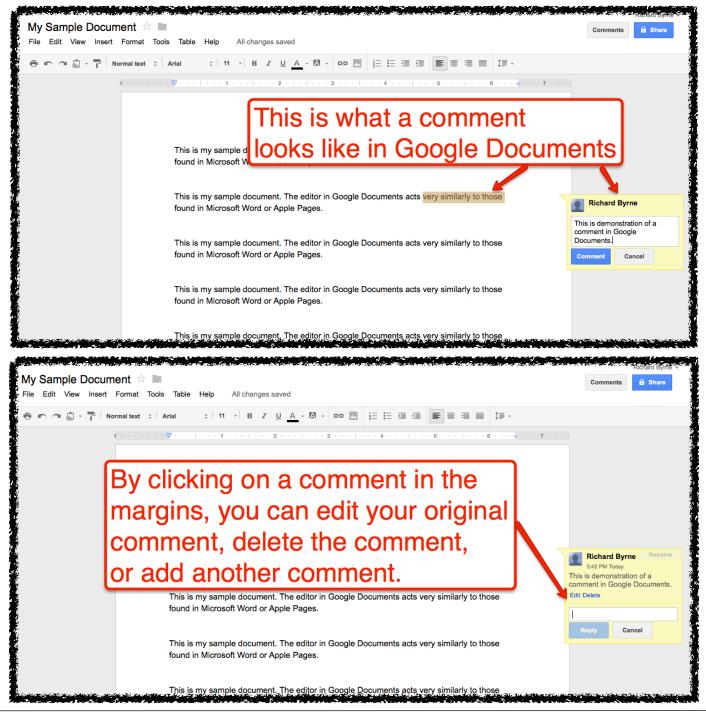


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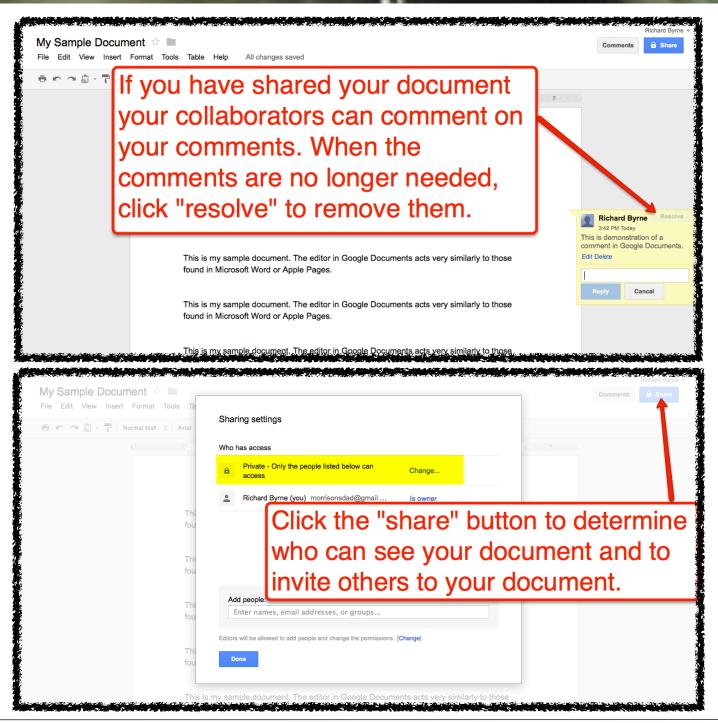




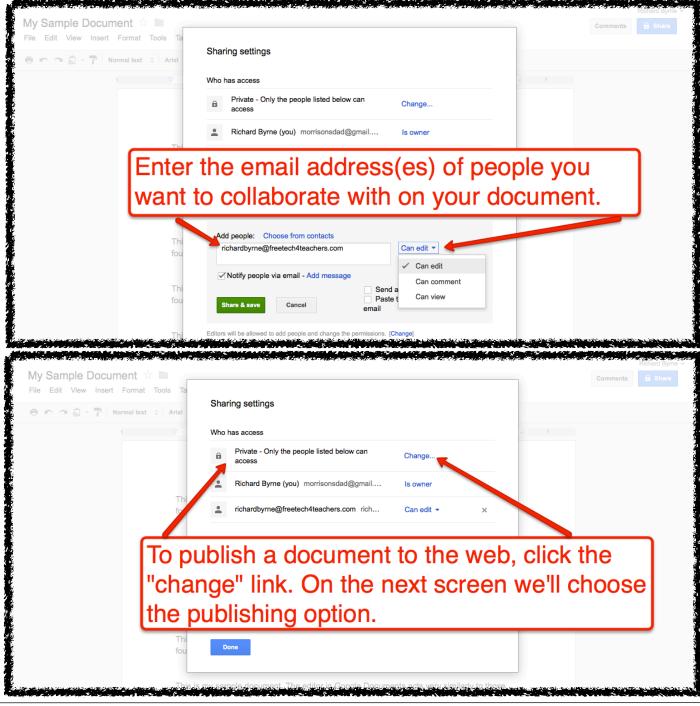
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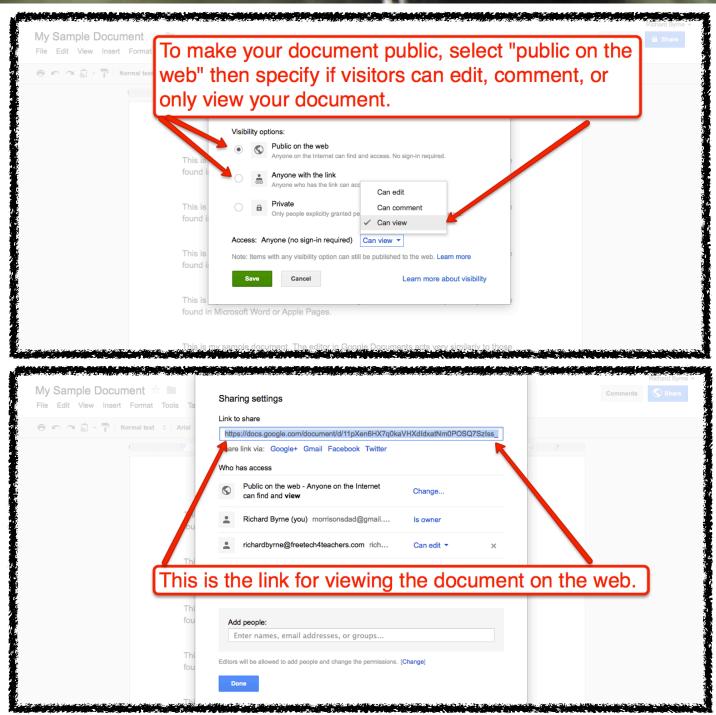
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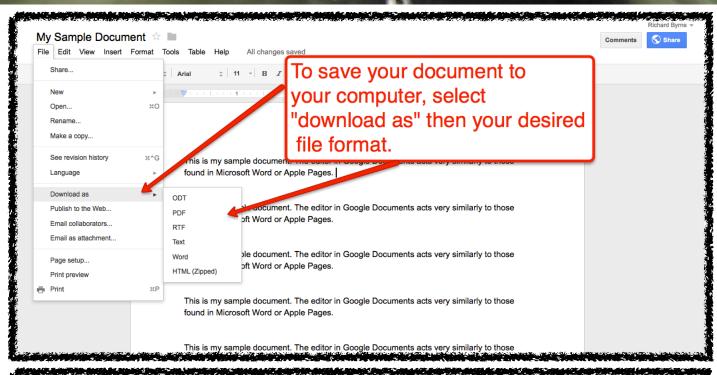
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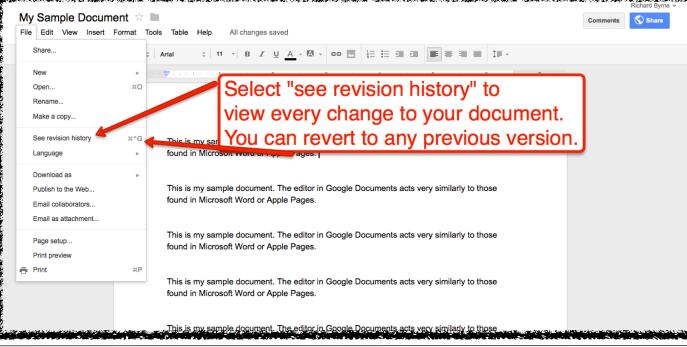


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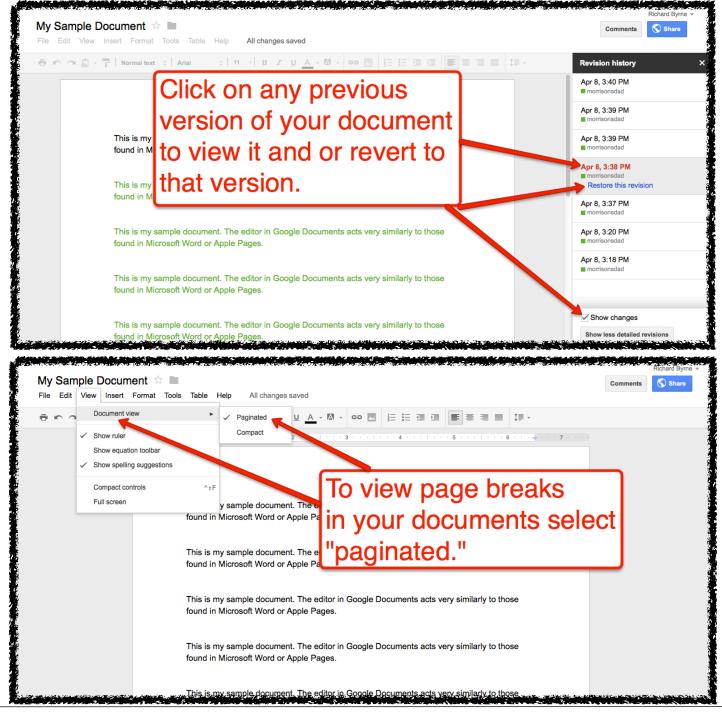


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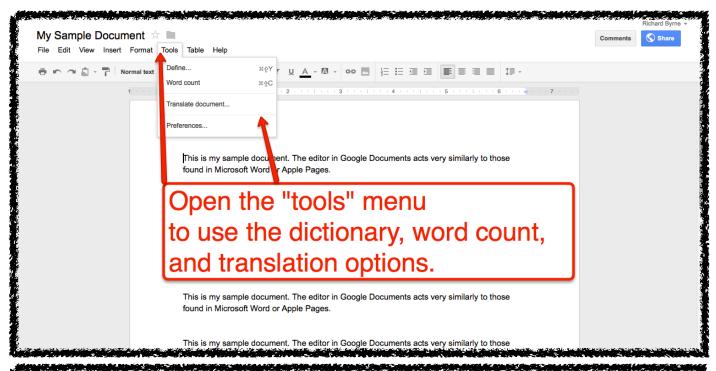


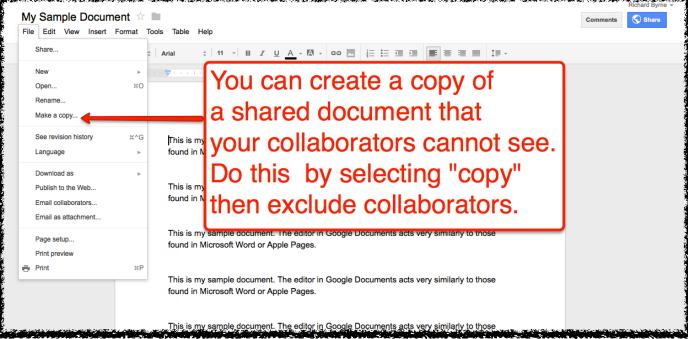


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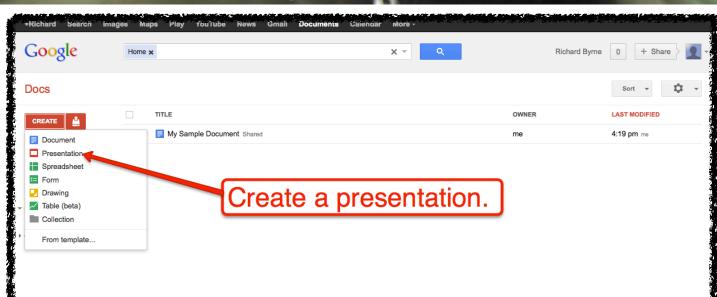


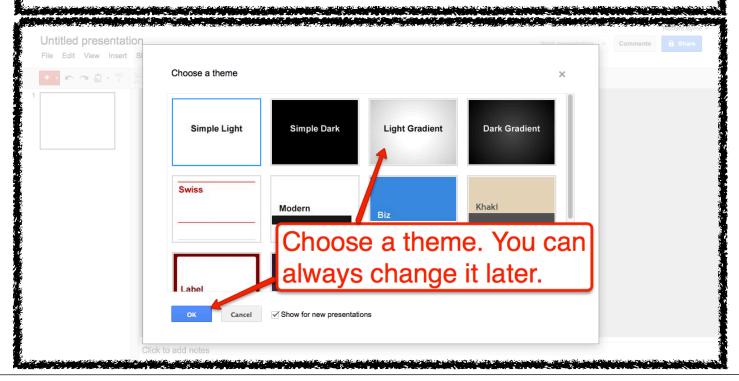
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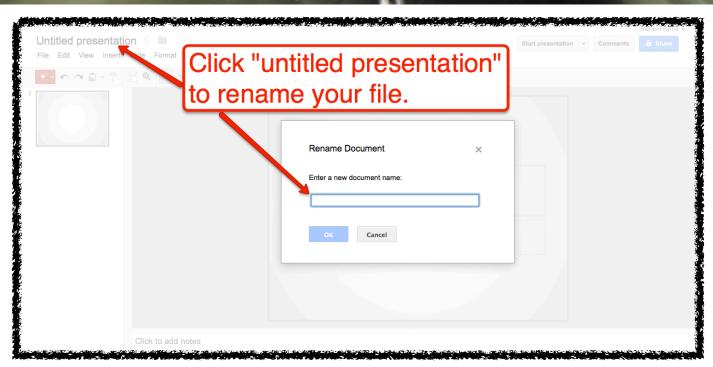


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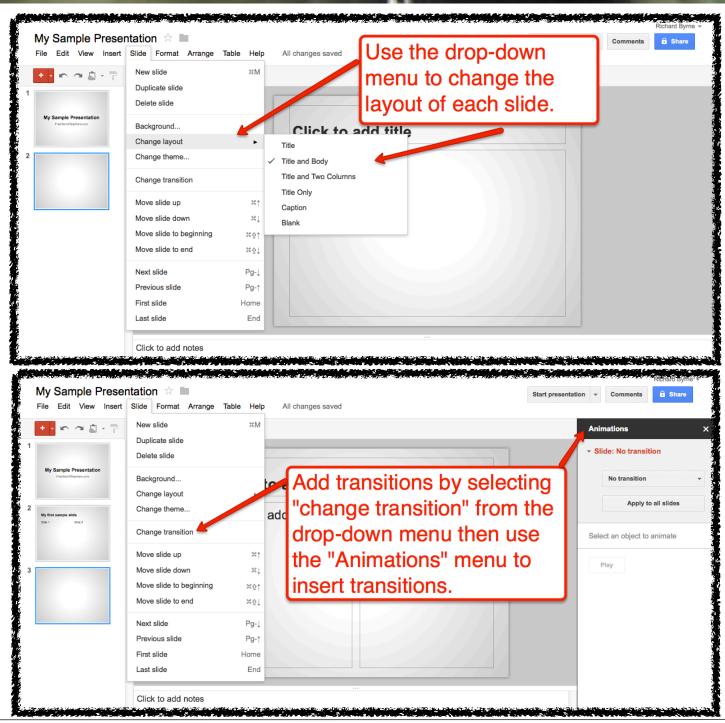


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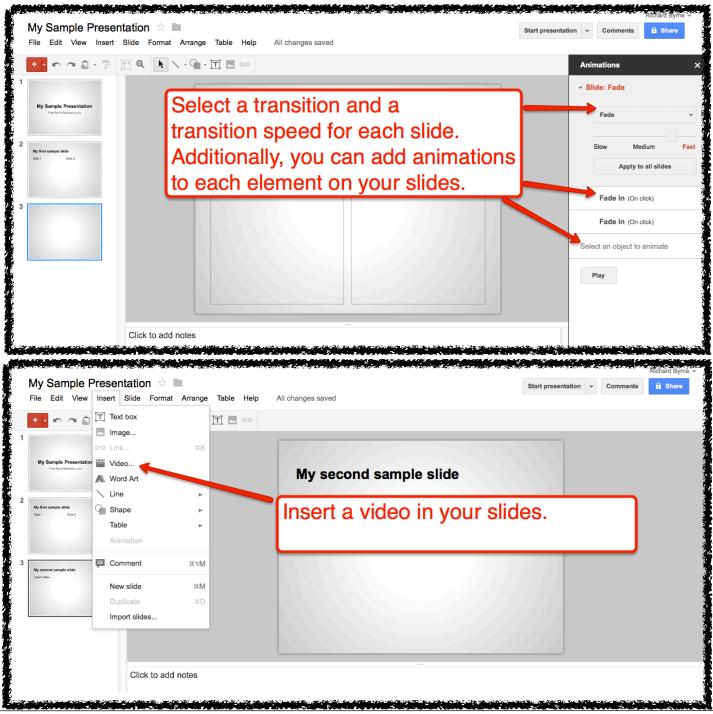




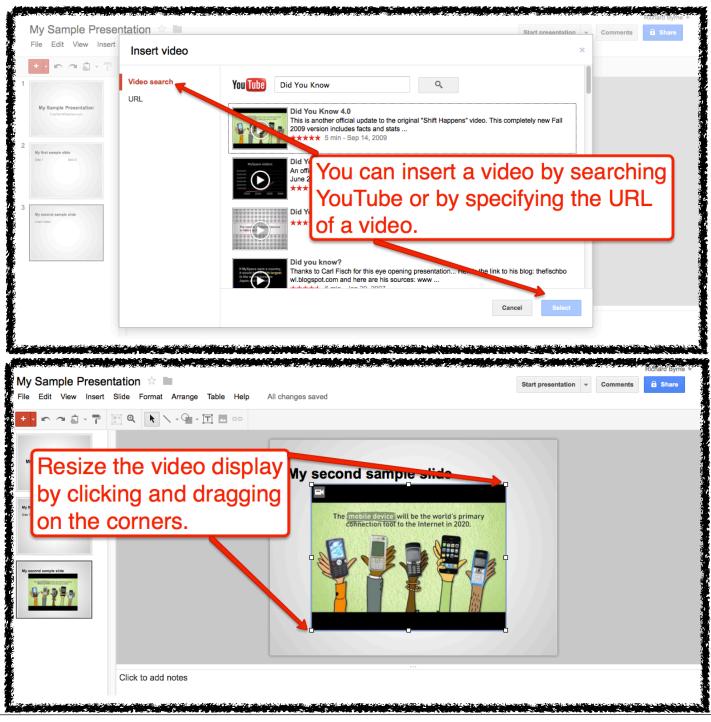
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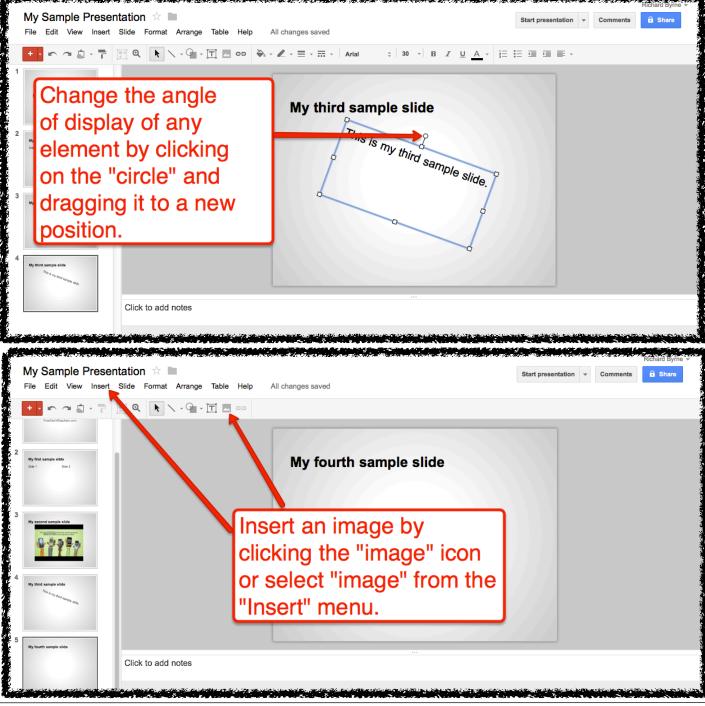
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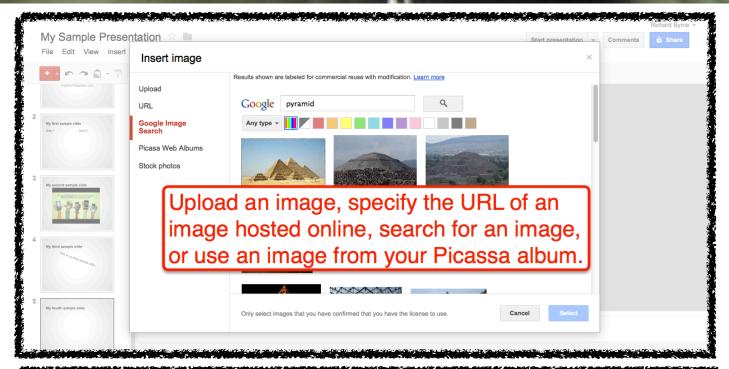
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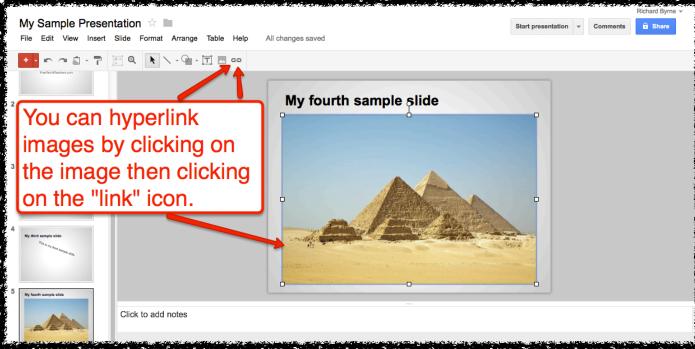


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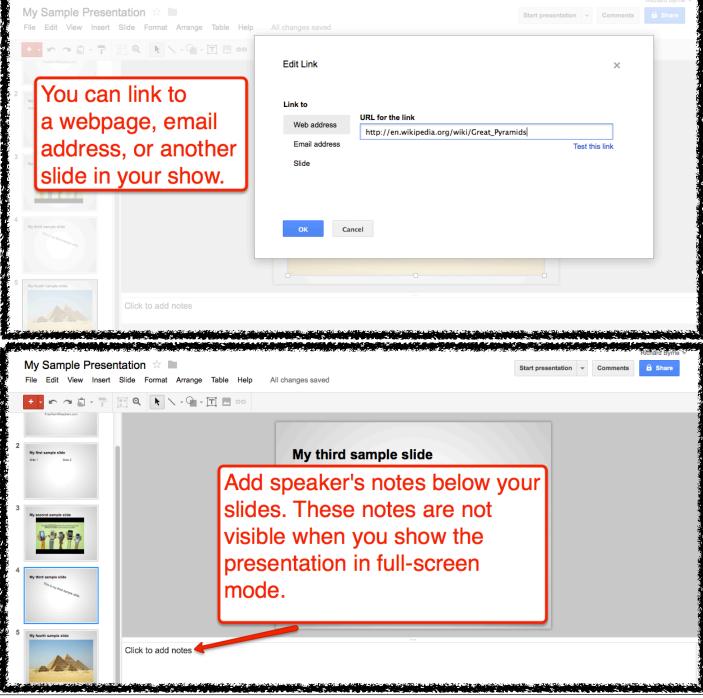


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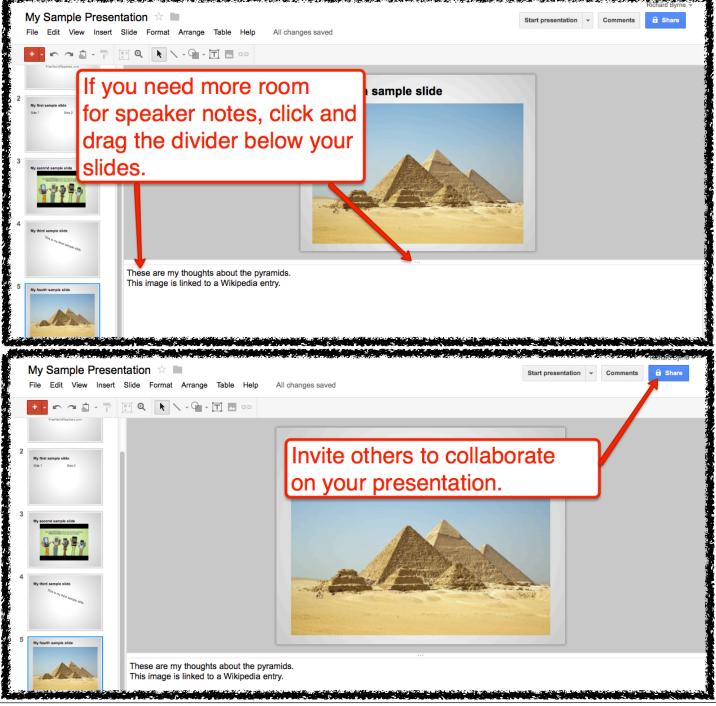




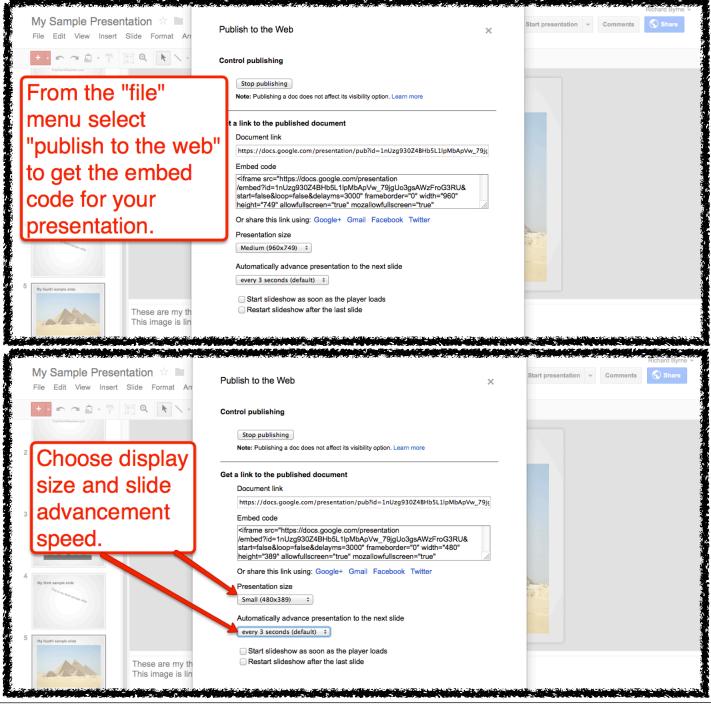
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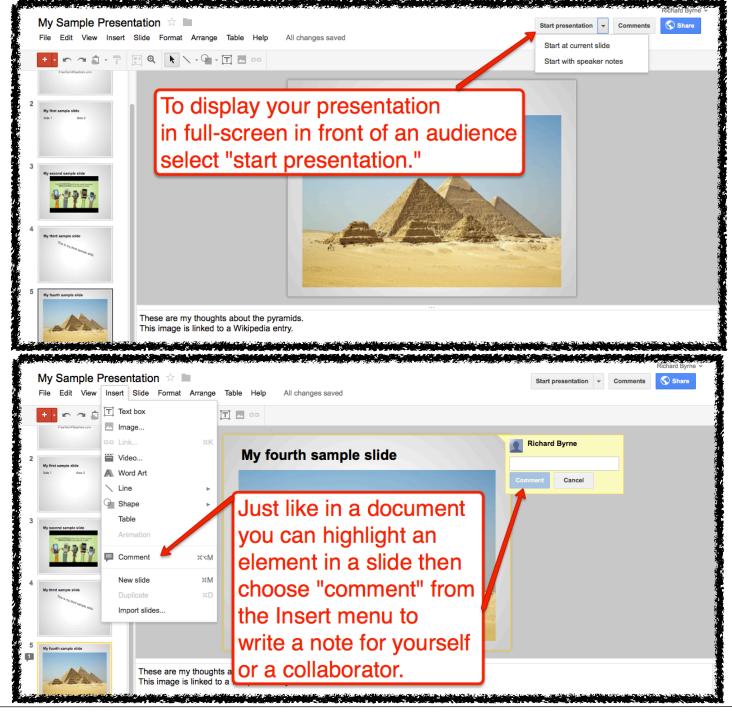
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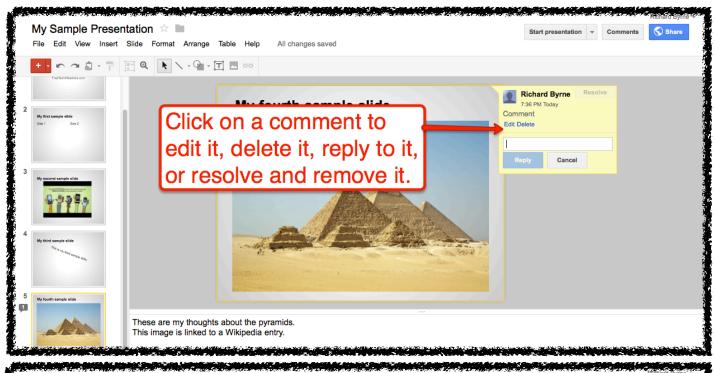
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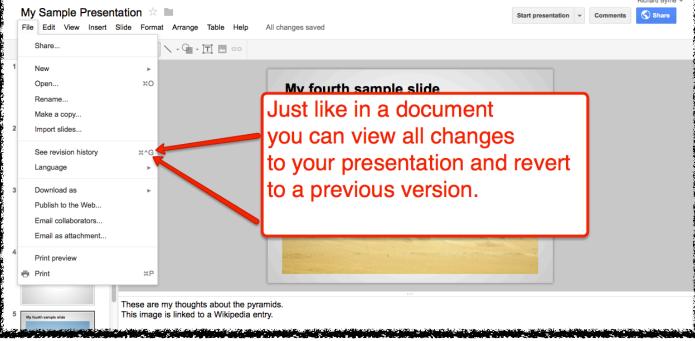


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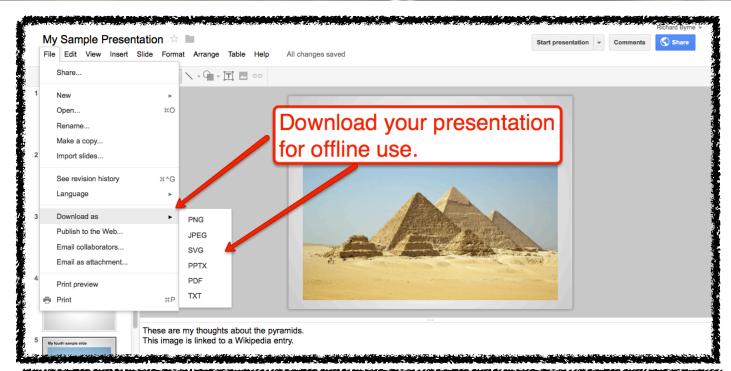


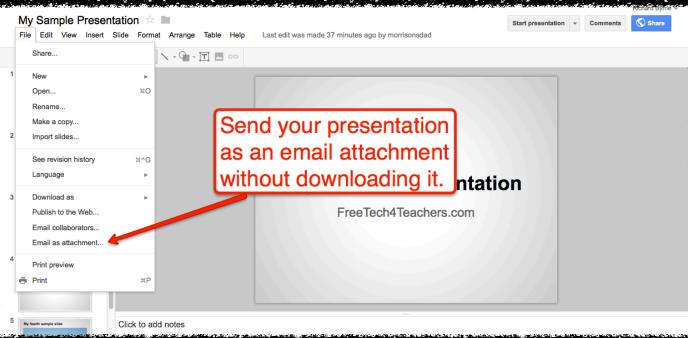
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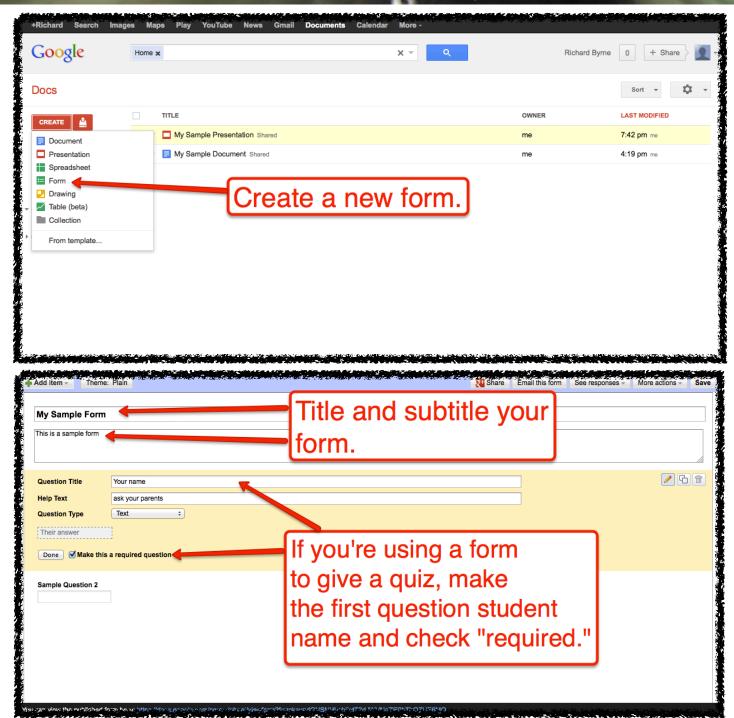




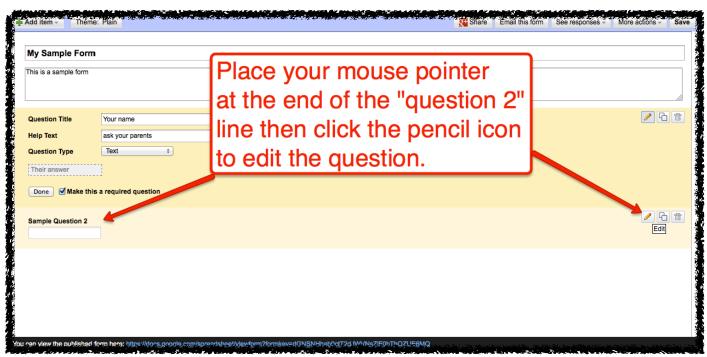
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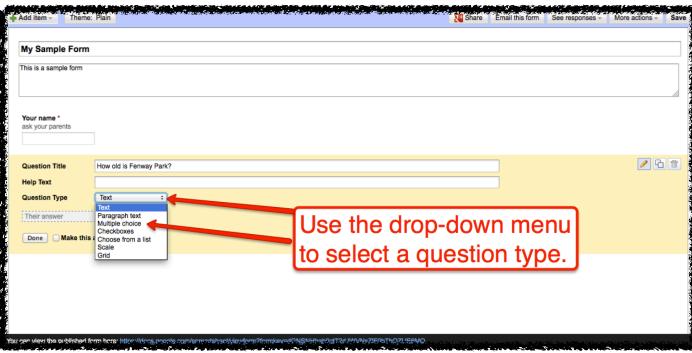
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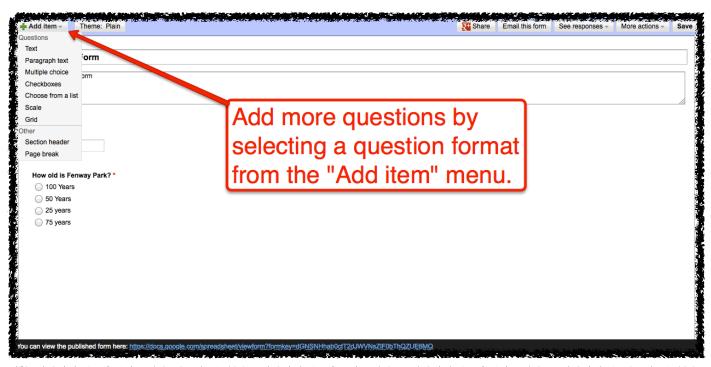


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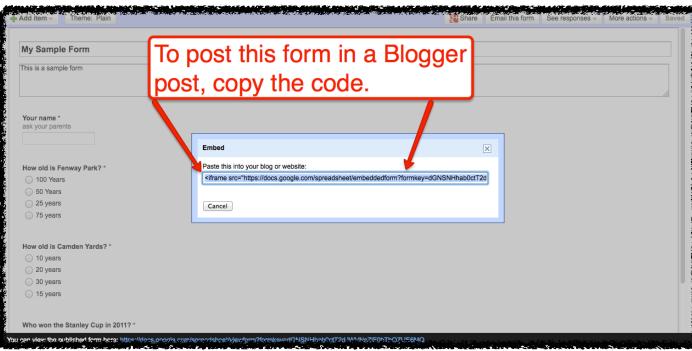




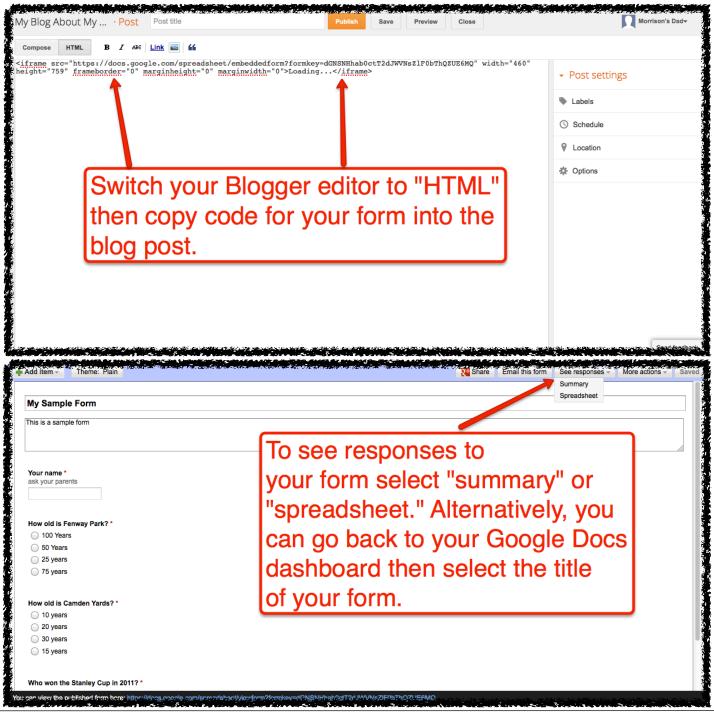
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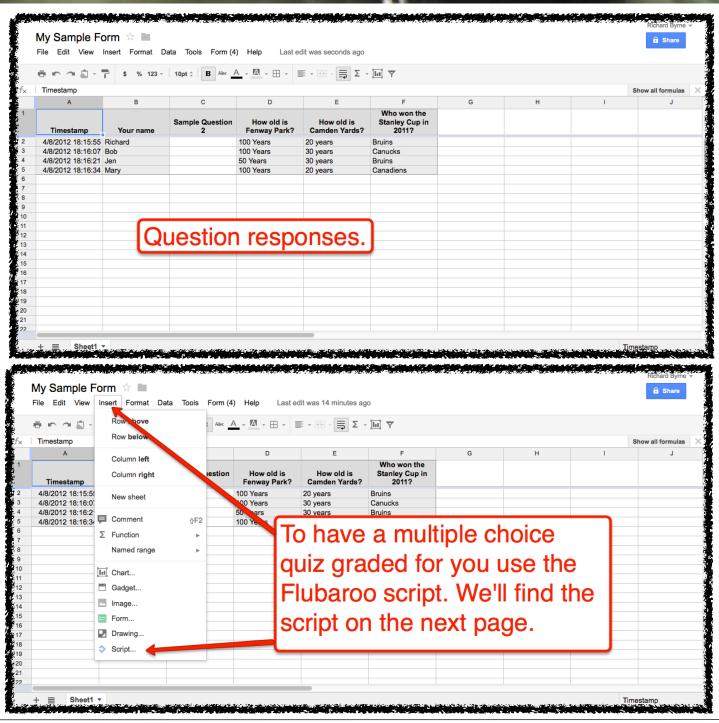




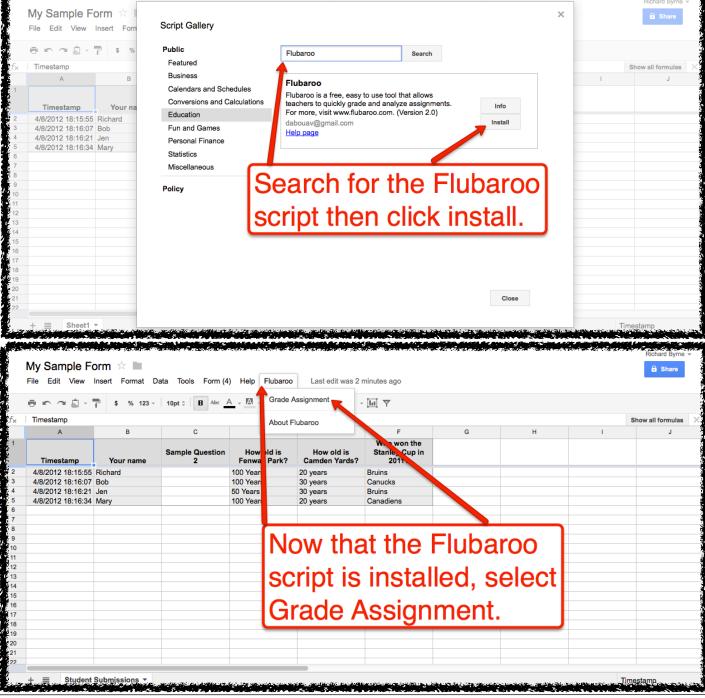
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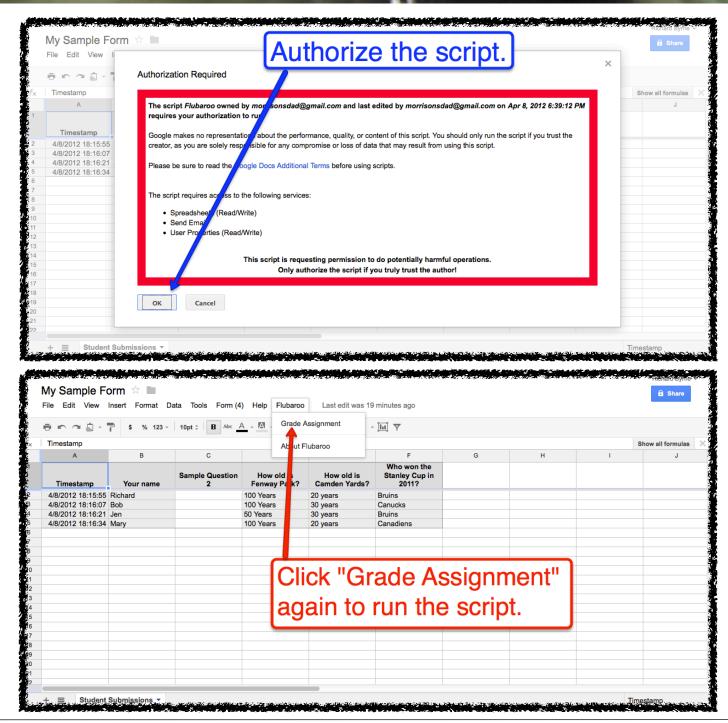
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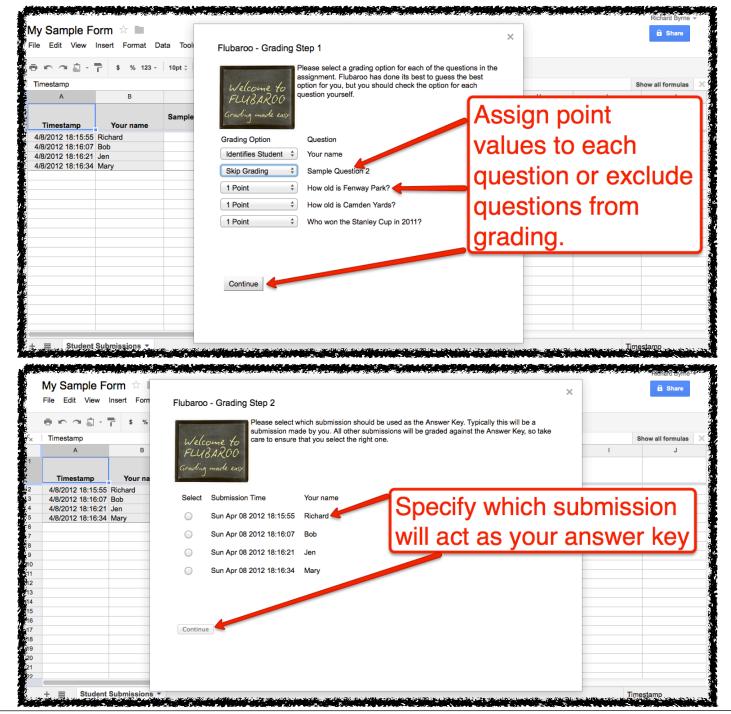
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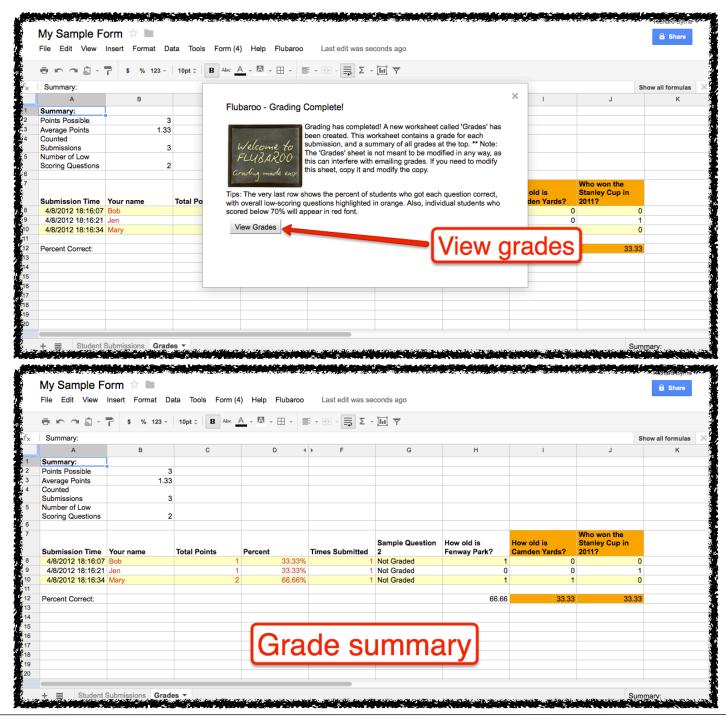
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