

Packback Team Assignments

A better way to manage collaborative writing in higher education

Team Assignments is a Packback Writing feature that allows instructors to create student teams, assign collaborative writing work, collect shared submissions, and manage grading in one place. It helps bring more structure to team-based assignments while reducing the workflow friction of managing collaboration across disconnected tools.

Why Team Assignments

Collaborative assignments are valuable, but they are often hard to run well. Instructors are left managing team logistics across platforms, while students often experience uneven participation and unclear expectations. Team Assignments is built to make collaborative writing more structured for students and more manageable for faculty.

Key Benefits



Keep collaborative writing in one workflow

Manage teams and assignments inside Packback instead of relying on email, spreadsheets, shared docs, and LMS workarounds.



Reduce administrative burden

Team Assignments helps instructors launch and grade collaborative work more efficiently, especially in large courses and courses without TA support.



Support better teamwork outcomes

Team Assignments supports a more intentional approach to collaboration, with clearer expectations, shared accountability, and the ability for students to leave individual comments.



Build career-ready skills

Students practice collaboration, communication, and shared problem solving in ways that mirror real-world professional teamwork.

Student Comments 4

Jess Bautista

I contributed to the initial brainstorming sessions and topic selection, but due to personal scheduling conflicts, I wasn't able to provide my written sections or research in time for the team's final assembly.

Kristyn Muller Mirasol

I focused on ensuring our data was statistically sound and clearly visualized, though the process was complicated by the fact that I had to fill in the gaps for the missing literature review that was never submitted by our colleague

Aidan Falk

I dedicated my time to drafting the initial analysis and refining the overall voice of the paper, though the workload felt unevenly distributed as three of us had to split the remaining sections at the last minute.

Maela Mead

While I enjoyed structuring our core arguments and finalizing the paper, I ended up absorbing several extra tasks to ensure the submission met the rubric requirements after our fourth member stopped communicating

Why it matters now

As AI reshapes how students approach academic work, faculty and institutions are starting to put more emphasis on the learning and writing process, instead of the raw output. Team Assignments supports that shift by bringing collaborative writing into a more structured workflow, where instructors can guide how work develops over time instead of only evaluating the end product. It extends Packback's process-based approach to writing into team-based assignments, helping institutions support authentic collaboration without adding another disconnected tool.

Team Assignments helps make collaborative writing more structured, scalable, and instructionally meaningful.