PLATO Accessibility Tech Tips

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Tech Tip #1

How to Use Pipeline’s Transcript Feature
In your professor's PLATO course, click a video link that has “ADA Compliant” in its name.
Notice that the web link starts with: “pipeline.westfield.ma.edu”

This will load your video into pipeline
From here, click the button on the top right above the video. This will open the video in a new tab.
Then click on the magnifying glass icon on the right of the video.
This will open the full transcript for the right side of the video. It will highlight what is being spoken in the video in real time. The image above shows what it will look like.
Tech Tip #2

How to Edit the way YouTube Video Captions look

You may follow the slides or watch a 25 second video tutorial (no sound) by clicking the link Here
First click the CC button on the bottom right side of the video
If it says “English” on the top left part of the video that means the YouTube video has accurate captions.
To edit the captions, first click the gear icon. Then click the “Subtitles/CC” Option.
Next, move the scroll bar to the top then click the “Options” button.
This will open a menu of options that change the way the subtitles look. Here you can make the font bigger, change the font color and change the background color of the text as well.
Tech Tip #3

How to copy a video transcript from Pipeline into a Word Document & How to clear formatting in Word
First click the “Transcript” Button above the video.
to town lots were allowed to move forward only as fast as a horse could travel. Stopping in Guthrie, Edmund and other towns sites along the way.

The hated Sooners quickly made their appearance, having illegally entered the land earlier than allowed, some soaping up their horses to make them appear foaming with sweat and some getting shot for their illegal actions.

As a method of settlement the land run was spectacular to watch, but it proved to not be very practical at all, as large numbers of complications occurred during every step of the process.

From participating in the actual run, finding land, and more importantly keeping it, to filing for claims afterwards, the process was full of fraud hazards and entanglements. The chaotic nature of the event however,

apparently didn’t phase officials, as four other land runs took place over the next 10 years. The first Oklahoma land run was

This will open a transcript of the whole video. Next highlight all the text, then right-click the text and click “Copy”
Open a blank word document
Right-Click in the document and click Paste to paste the text you copied earlier. If you would like to clear all formatting, follow along the next few steps...
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Next click the “Styles” button on the top ribbon above the word document.
Lastly click “Clear Formatting”
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Tech Tip #4

How to copy a video transcript from YouTube into a Word Document
First click the three dots below the video. Then click the "Open Transcript" button.
The Transcript Box will appear on the right of the video. Click the three dots above the Transcript. Then click the “Toggle timestamps” button.
Then all you must do is highlight all the text, right-click the text and click copy.
In the 1920s, many Americans had disposable income to spend. What were they spending it on? Where were these products coming from? Throughout the early 1900s, Henry Ford developed and refined the assembly line method. Ford’s automobile factories could produce vehicles more efficiently and cheaper than ever before. Using the assembly line method, workers would perform one task on each automobile and then it would move down the line to the next worker who would complete a different task. With this method, Ford could roll a car off of the assembly line every ten seconds. This type of mass-production allowed the average price of an automobile to drop from $850 to $250.

Ford’s methods were quickly adopted by other industries. Skilled laborers were no longer needed to assemble finished products. Instead, it was only necessary to train an unskilled laborer how to do one simple task. Suddenly, factories were churning out countless numbers of products that were once deemed luxury items. Now that these products could be produced in such large quantities, they became affordable to the average person.

More factory jobs meant more workers as well. Not only were more people being employed, but they were also receiving good wages. The average worker’s wage rose by 20% during the 1920s. With more people working for higher wages, they no longer needed to spend all of their money on essential items such as food, housing, and clothing. These workers began to emerge as what is now thought of as “middle-class”. This new middle-class discovered that it was free to spend their disposable income on many of the new luxury items that were being produced. Many of these items were becoming available, and useful, because of the increased use of electricity. Things like refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, and radios were all becoming staples of the average home.

The new mass-production methods made these products inexpensive because they could be produced quickly. For example, by the end of the 1920s, more than one million refrigerators were being produced each year. Also, more than ten million radios had been sold by 1929! With the influx of new products to buy, something else emerged as well. Companies began mass-marketing their products and competing with rival companies for the business of consumers. Advertisements became increasingly common throughout the decade. Radio proved to be an excellent medium for advertisers to communicate with large numbers of people at the same time.

Each advertisement was used to convince the listener that they absolutely needed the latest gadget or healthcare product. Advertisements proved very effective too. For example, sales of Listerine skyrocketed from $100,000 a year in 1921 to more than $4 million a year by 1927! Unfortunately, even though the new middle-class had more disposable income than ever before, some products were still too expensive for many people to buy. This was especially true of automobiles and other high-priced items.

Therefore, a new method of purchasing was created. It became known as buying on installment, or credit. A down payment would be made on the item, and the rest of the purchase price would be paid off over the course of the next several months, or even years. This led to millions of Americans facing large and unnecessary debts at the conclusion of the decade.