An online learning resource that instructors can use to help students succeed with academic reading, writing and library research. While students can use it independently, tailored and intentional integration of SPARK by instructors in their classrooms and in designing assignments can meet with greater success.

Teaching with SPARK: The Faculty Module

This section offers instructors tips, strategies and resources for integrating SPARK within courses and assignments.

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13 modules - each on a specific topic
- Each module takes 8-10 minutes to review core content
- Content organized around the process of completing a written assignment

Getting Started
- Understanding the assignment
- Time management
- Academic integrity
- Choosing a topic
- Books, journals and more

Exploring
- Gathering & noting ideas
- Research strategies
- Effective reading strategies
- Essay structure

Pulling it Together
- Creating bibliographies
- Writing strategies
- Revising your arguments
- Essay editing

SPARK Faculty Module

- Modules can be used selectively and in any order to teach specific skills in course contexts.
- Access at http://www.yorku.ca/spark

Teaching with SPARK: Using the Modules

The SPARK Faculty Module describes how each module can teach students specific skills:

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For each of the 36 SPARK resources find information about:
- Skills addressed
- Suggested uses
- Feedback/evaluation

Resources
- Instructors’ Guides
- Quizzes
- Student Help

Instructors can access MS Word versions of SPARK resources and modifications are encouraged to increase relevance to specific course contexts. See: bit.ly/1MMPSQ6

Resources
- Peer Review Guide

Look for the red Resources box in the top right-hand corner of each SPARK Module.

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Assign SPARK resources to build student skills
- SPARK’s 36 resources include checklists, guidelines, worksheets and activities

Resources are available to students as PDF documents.
For instructions consult the Quizzes link in the blue Resources box, displaying in the upper right-hand corner of each page in the SPARK Faculty Module.

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For answers to any SPARK-related questions, please contact: askspark@yorku.ca

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Further Reading: Academic Literacies Resources
See: The "Learning More" section of the SPARK Faculty Module: www.yorku.ca/spark/faculty