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Making Sure Your Device and Browser Will Work with Blackboard and Logging into Blackboard

Caution: If you want to use **your own** laptop or tablet, you **must** do step 1 about the "Computer Requirements."

1. Use the "Computer Requirements" link before you log in. If you are in WCJC's Computer Lab, skip this step.
2. Log into Blackboard. You'll need your Banner ID (@##### twice).
3. Do change your password.

Tip: If your browser is not listed in the lower right hand corner, then you need to try another one.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard Login page for Wharton County Junior College. The page is divided into three main columns: Blackboard Login, Student Help Desk, and Additional Information. The Blackboard Login section includes a login form with fields for Username and Password, and a Login button. The Student Help Desk section provides contact information for IT support, including a phone number and hours of operation, and links to frequently asked questions and how-to videos. The Additional Information section includes links to various resources, such as the Distance Education Department, WCJC B&N Bookstore, and DE Student Handbook. There are also links for Faculty and Downloadable Resources.

Callouts and Tips:

- Save this URL in case the WCJC site is down (rare) and Blackboard is still up.** (Red box pointing to the address bar)
- Tip: An 8-week course is hard. Be sure you match online learning. If you have never taken an online class, consider this useful self-test.** (Blue box pointing to the Additional Information section)
- Read this and this.** (Red box pointing to the Blackboard Login section)
- Tip: If you are on a public computer, logout when you are done. Blackboard stays open.** (Blue box pointing to the Blackboard Login section)
- Use the "Computer Requirements" link before you login. Having a new device or that your device worked last term won't protect you. Your device and your current browser must match Blackboard. Students are not seeing links, not see all quiz questions, and so on. Check first!** (Red box pointing to the Computer Requirements link)
- If you need to download a browser, use these links. In general, Firefox seems safest.** (Red box pointing to the Downloadable Resources section)

Announcements:

What You May Need on this Screen and How to Enter Your Blackboard Course and Stay on the “Path”

This course is one of the two ways that WCJC supports for Blackboard courses. This is a “pathway” model and its purpose is to keep students on a “path” with everything they need for each task they do.

The **green** and **yellow** arrows identify 2 things you may need. The **blue** box identifies the Course List, the only way to enter your course in Blackboard and stay on the “path.”

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for Wharton County Junior College. The top navigation bar includes the college logo, the user name 'Connie Bibus 329', and menu items for 'My Institution', 'Courses', 'Community', and 'Services'. Below this is a 'My Institution' section with 'Add Module' and 'Personalize Page' options. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Tools', 'My Announcements', and 'My Courses'. The 'Tools' section includes links for Announcements, Calendar, Tasks, My Grades, Send Email, Personal Information, Goals, Browse NBC Learn, NBC Learn Playlist, Course Materials, and Course Materials Hub. The 'My Announcements' section shows two messages: 'No Institution Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.' and 'No Course or Organization Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.' The 'My Courses' section is currently empty. A green callout box points to the 'My Announcements' section with the text: 'Generally, announcements are done at the beginning of the class. You will see announcements here for such things as how to determine your current letter grade at the end of a Unit.' A yellow callout box points to the 'Send Email' link in the 'Tools' section with the text: 'You may use this email because it goes to my WCJC email address. You will, however, need to modify the subject line so I can recognize what you need.' A blue callout box points to the 'Course List' section with the text: 'This is a “pathway” course and it is set up to help you if you follow the “path.” For success in this “pathway” course, come in this way only: 1. Look for your History course in the Course List. 2. Click on it. Blackboard automatically displays the Learning Units & All Assignments page on the right.'

What You See Next on the Left Side of the Screen

Course Materials

[Learning Units & All Assignments](#)

Course Tools

[Announcements](#)

[My Grades](#)

Web Resources

[College Resources](#)

[History Resources](#)

You can also click on the Course Menu for:

- Announcements – Information everyone may need
- My Grades – Your grades (so do log off when you leave a public computer)
- College Resources – Quick access to resources that WCJC provides to students
- History Resources—Information about the discipline of history and access to reference tools for history

What You See Next on the Right Side of the Screen

The opening screen on the right is always Learning Units & All Assignments. When you first come into the course, you see

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: Course Materials, Learning Units & All Assignments, Course Tools, My Grades, Web Resources, College Resources, and History Resources. The 'Announcements' link under Course Tools is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to the main content area. The main content area is titled 'Learning Units & All Assignments' and contains three items:

- Course Documents - The Same Ones Available at the Instructor's Website**: A folder icon.
- Click on Announcements (on the left menu) for How and When to Start**: A document icon. A red box with an arrow points to this item with the text: "1. Click on Announcements. 2. Read the announcement for How and When to Start."
- Blackboard Acknowledgement Quiz - To See Unit 1, click on the quiz, read it, click True, and then Save and Submit.**: A document icon with a red 'X' and a green checkmark. A red box with an arrow points to this item with the text: "3. Do what it says in the name of the quiz." Below this item is a 'Caution:' section with two numbered instructions: "1) By clicking you are confirming that you are following the instructions on the instructor's webpage. 2) If you are doing this on your own and if you have trouble in any way, come to the session with the instructor."

What You See Once You Click True on the Blackboard Acknowledgement Quiz and Then Save and Submit

The screenshot shows the same Blackboard interface as above, but after the quiz has been completed. The 'Blackboard Acknowledgement Quiz' item now has a green checkmark icon. A red arrow points to the new item at the bottom of the list:

- Unit 1: From New World to New Empires – the 16th Century to 1776 (Chapters 1-4)**: A folder icon.

Organization of Each Chapter

Each of the 15 chapters in the course is organized in exactly the same way:

- Figuring It Out (Learning is More Than Memorizing), which also includes the Chapter InQuizitive.
- Primary Documents from the Era, documents which are covered as questions on the objective test.
- Optional Resources from the Textbook Authors and the Norton Publishers

Organization of the 1st Chapter in the Course So You Can Register InQuizitive

The 1st chapter in the course also has the STEPs you follow to register InQuizitive and make it begin to enter the percentages you get right in the grades at Blackboard.

What Do You Do in Chapter 1 to Complete Blackboard Orientation

- **Purple box** explains the STEPS you do to register InQuizitive and make the grade show up in Blackboard
- **Black box** explains how you use the instructor's quizzes
- **Red box** explains how you use the primary source

What you see after you clicked on:

1. Learning Units & All Assignments
2. Unit 1: From New World to New Empires...
3. Chapter 1: The Collision of Cultures in the 16th Century - Includes the Steps in Registration of InQuizitive

Learning Units & All Assignments > ... > Chapter 1. The Collision of Cultures in the 16th Century - Includes the Steps in Registration of InQuizitive > Figuring It Out (Learning Is More Than Memorizing)

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Figuring It Out (Learning Is More Than Memorizing)

Links you can use before class and your instructor uses during class

To register InQuizitive,
1. Do STEP 1.
2. Do STEP 2.
3. Look at STEP 3 and then click on Chapter 1 InQuizitive.
4. Answer questions until you score 33% or more or until you see what is shown in STEP 4.

Self-test to see what you know on these 2 quizzes about basics. Ask questions in class. Once you understand, retake the quizzes to make the full points. (You have until the end of Unit 1 to make your maximum grade.)

Read this. Use the quiz on Nation States and the definitions to help you.

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