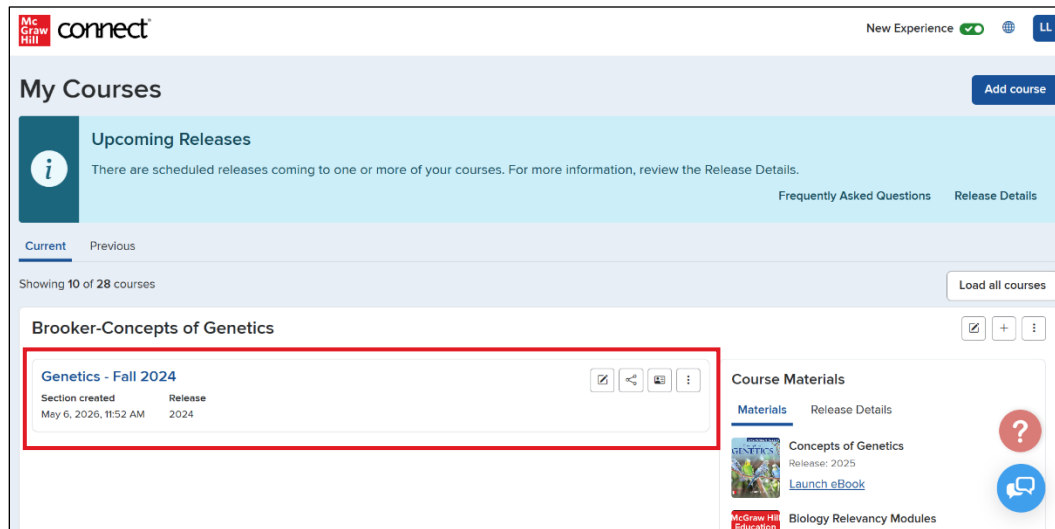


Critical Thinking Assignment - Instructor Overview

Step 1: Access Your Connect Course

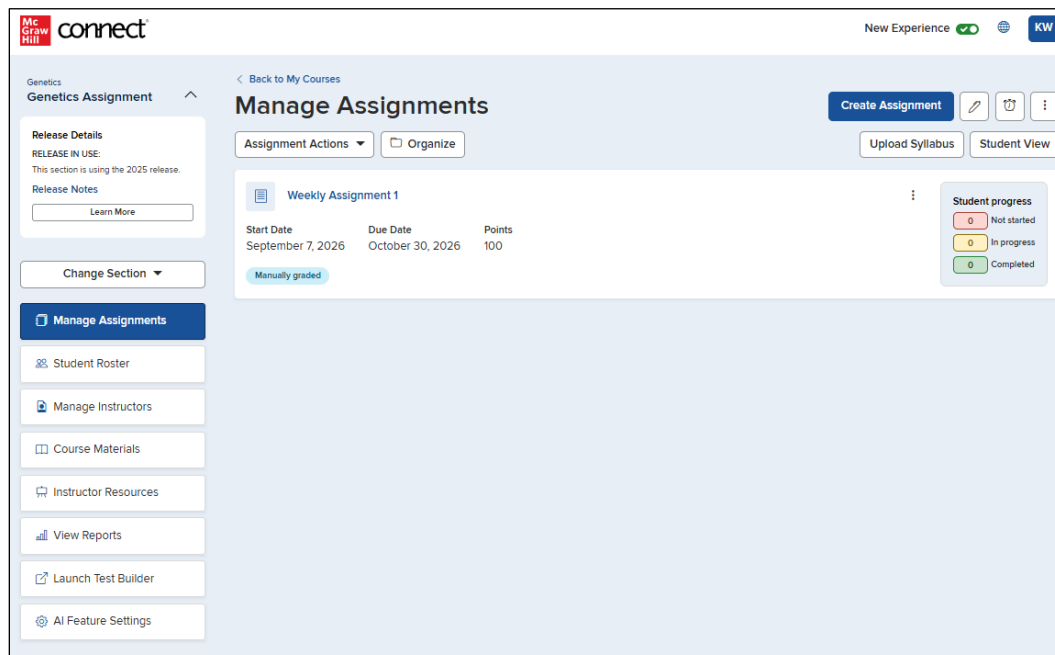
After logging into your McGraw Hill Connect instructor account, navigate to the course section where you want to create the assignment.



The screenshot shows the 'My Courses' dashboard. At the top, there's a 'New Experience' toggle and a user profile icon. Below is a 'My Courses' header with an 'Add course' button. A light blue banner for 'Upcoming Releases' is present. The main area shows 'Showing 10 of 28 courses'. A red box highlights the 'Genetics - Fall 2024' course section, which includes details like 'Section created: May 6, 2026, 11:52 AM' and 'Release: 2024'. To the right, there's a 'Course Materials' section with a 'Materials' tab and a 'Release Details' tab. A 'Launch eBook' button is visible.

Step 2: Create Assignment

Once the section opens, the Assignment Management page where all course assignments are located will open. Click **Create Assignment**.



The screenshot shows the 'Manage Assignments' page for the 'Genetics' course. The page has a sidebar with navigation options: 'Manage Assignments' (selected), 'Student Roster', 'Manage Instructors', 'Course Materials', 'Instructor Resources', 'View Reports', 'Launch Test Builder', and 'AI Feature Settings'. The main area is titled 'Manage Assignments' and includes a 'Create Assignment' button, 'Assignment Actions' dropdown, and an 'Organize' button. A table lists assignments, with 'Weekly Assignment 1' highlighted. The table columns are 'Start Date' (September 7, 2026), 'Due Date' (October 30, 2026), and 'Points' (100). A 'Manually graded' tag is present. On the right, a 'Student progress' summary shows 0 Not started, 0 In progress, and 0 Completed.

Step 3: Select Critical Thinking Assignment

From the assignment options, navigate to the **Critical Thinking Assignment**. Critical Thinking Assignments guide students through structured reading and analytical thinking activities connected to course materials.

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Create Assignment

 Question Bank	Build an assignment from various sources and question types, while incorporating your choice of settings and proctoring options.
 SmartBook	Build an interactive, adaptive reading assignment by choosing the topics, depth of coverage, and length of time students spend. Develop self-awareness through meaningful, immediate feedback to improve student understanding and success.
 Adaptive Learning Assignment	Create an assignment providing a learning experience that adapts to the unique needs of each learner through ongoing formative assessment, feedback, and learning resources.
 Reading Assignment	Assign specific sections or chapters from your Connect eBook.
 Interactive Simulations	Assign simulations from Virtual Labs, Practice Medical Office, Biology Revealed, or other course-specific simulation types.
 Application-Based Activity	Assign interactive, valuable real-world scenarios and allow students to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills, progressing from basic understanding to complex application.
 Writing Assignment	Create a writing assignment with flexible options for student guidance and efficient scoring.
 Critical Thinking Assignment	Guide students through the process of critical reading and analysis.

Step 4: Choose Assignment Content

On the Create or Edit Assignment page, navigate to the **Strategy Categories and Groups** section and select an option based on the type of activity you want students to complete. After selecting the preferred prompt or assignment type, click **Continue** to proceed to the document selection step, where students will analyze assigned material using critical thinking strategies.

 **Critical Thinking Assignment**

Create or Edit Assignment

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1. Select a Strategy Group and Rubric 2. Choose a Document 3. Select Assignment Strategies

Critical Thinking Assignment is a very flexible tool that was created to enhance and facilitate students' critical thinking skills. Review the Assignment Creation steps below to determine how you can best use this assignment in your class.

1. Select a prompt below. Here, you can either build out a Syllabus assignment or build your own assignment from scratch.
2. You will then be prompted to select a document for your students to analyze. You can also have students select their own document to analyze.
3. The last step will include Strategies that the student must apply to the document as part of their analysis. You can also include a reflection question for students to assess their process of navigating through the strategies.

Below are some ideas to get you started. To build your assignment, select one of the prompts provided, then scroll down and click Continue.

Strategy Categories and Groups ⓘ

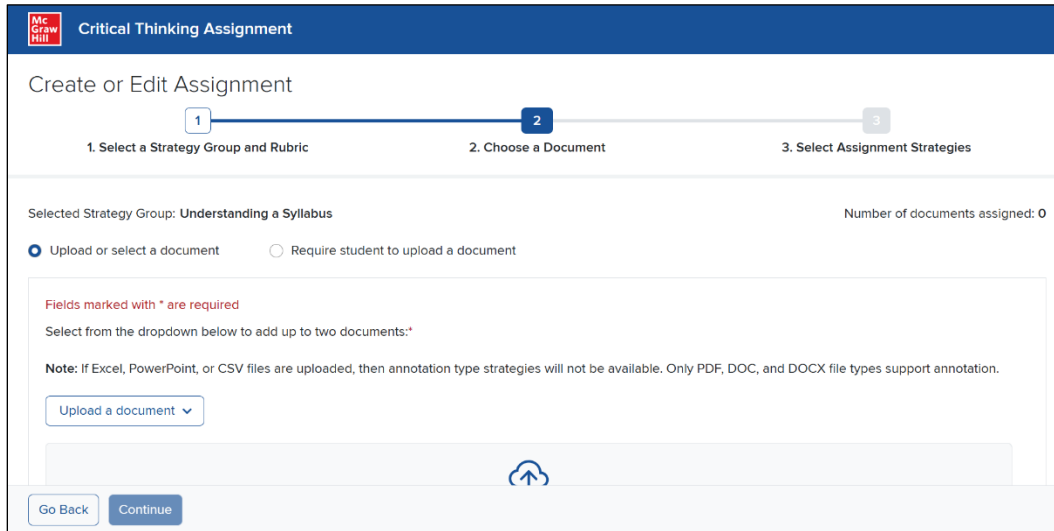
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Build Your Own Critical Thinking Assignment

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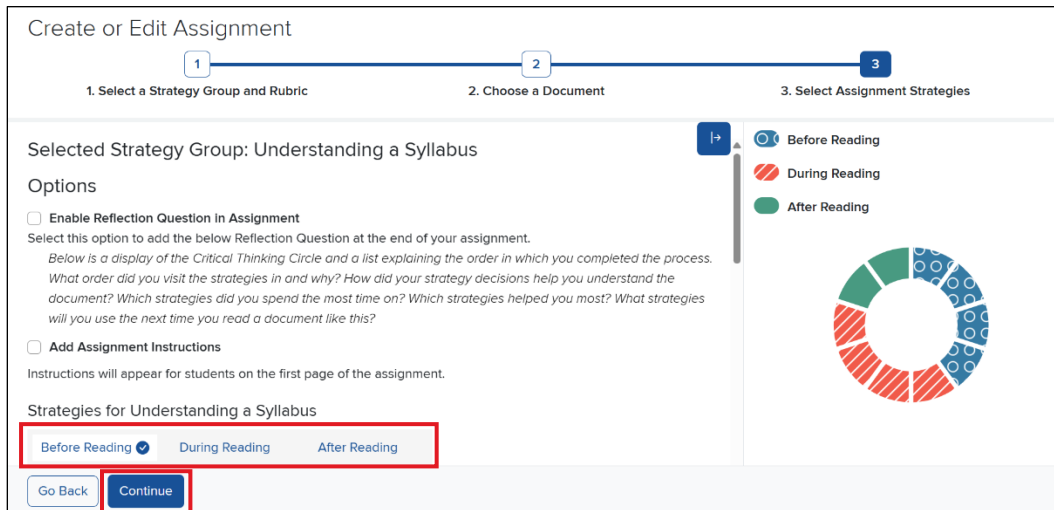
Step 5: Upload document

Upload the document or require the student to upload a document to do the critical thinking assignment on.



Step 6: Configure Assignment Strategies

On the **Select Assignment Strategies** page, navigate through the available phases and select the strategies that students will complete as part of that phase. You can also enable the Reflection Question option to allow students to reflect on their critical thinking process and select Add Assignment Instructions to provide additional guidance that will appear on the first page of the assignment. Once all desired strategies and settings have been selected, click **Continue** to proceed.



Step 7: Review & Assign

Navigate through the Assignment Information section and enter the assignment name, select the appropriate start date and due date, adjust the assignment availability times, set the total score value, and choose the number of attempts allowed for students. After reviewing all assignment settings for accuracy, continue through the remaining review sections and select **Assign** to publish the Critical Thinking Assignment to the course.

My Courses / Genetics Assignment / Create Assignment

< Critical Thinking Assignment

Review & Assign

Assignment Settings

All fields are required, except those marked optional.

Assignment Name

Time Zone

US/Central

Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) (Optional)

Start Time (hh:mm) (Optional)

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Due Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Due Time (hh:mm)

:

Score (Optional)

Attempts Allowed

1

Late Submission

☐ Accept Late Submissions

Save & Exit

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