Why Connect Makes Amanda Thompson Happy...

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My experience using Connect

was...

"students had a little difficulty starting the process the first semester I incorporated the software, but when I made it mandatory and worth 15% of the course, they got on board and began using the software more than I required. Students felt better about tackling certain concepts that previously they would just "gloss over" and think they knew until they took a summative exam. It was great for them to see what they knew and what they didn't know before an exam. This allowed students to take more control of their learning and shifted the perceived responsibility of success from the instructor's teaching ability to the student's involvement and actual time studying. Now I have students who finish their assignments and ask for more work to practice difficult concepts. Connect provides so many resources that it is easy to assign more independent study. I love this software because it proves to the student that hard work really does pay off!"

Connect made me happy because...

"for the first time, the focus of student success is placed back on the student. I love seeing those who put in the work and have their "ah-ha" moment. Their attitude and body language transforms before my eyes into a hungry and confident learner! Students realize that even heavily detailed concepts can be learned more independently. Students are more eager to come to class when they understand what we are talking about and they want to teach each other what they understand."

I chose Connect because...

"it was easy to use and gave students immediate feedback about their progress. It also provided a great way to help track their work."

Connect helped me improve my course by...

"lowering anxiety and increasing student productivity. When I assign various connect assignments along the way, students stay engaged in the material and continuously work on what they don't know. They love being able to move past what they know and concentrate on the harder concepts."

