Creating an Essay Question

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Essay questions require you to provide students with a question or statement to which they can respond in detail. Students are given the opportunity to type an answer into a text field. Sample answers are typically added for users or graders to use as a reference.

These types of questions must be graded manually in the Grade Center.

Note: Essay questions can use the math and equation editor.

1. Open the canvas page for a test, survey, or pool.

2. On the Action Bar, click on **Create Question** and select **Essay** from the drop-down list.
3. Type the Question Text and assign a Point Value.

1. **Question**

   Question Title
   
   *Question Text*
   
   Explain what a **tombolo** is and where you might find one.

2. **Answer**

   Enter an answer to provide an example of a correct response.

   A tombolo is a landform that is created by deposits of sand and shingle that develop because of wave movement around an island. The deposits grow until they form a narrow piece of land that connects the island to the mainland. The narrow piece of land that connects the island to the mainland is usually called a spit or bar. Chesil Beach, which connects the Isle of Portland to Dorset in England, is an example of a tombolo.
5. Optionally, associate a rubric by clicking Add Rubric.

6. Click Submit.

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