

It's Alive Activity !

I teach math and chemistry and often find that there are a limited number of students who participate when I ask questions during our synchronous online sessions. Reasons for this vary and include not understanding the material, lack of confidence in answering compounded by being identified in the chat or on screen if they do answer, lack of interest or sense of involvement in the class community and probably others that I'm not aware of. In addition, many students need to take time after class to process the material before feeling confident to answer questions. However, I'd like there to be more interaction in my classes as I feel it would improve the sense of community as well as providing the students and myself with a sense of how much understanding is happening. Then I can adapt my learning plan accordingly.

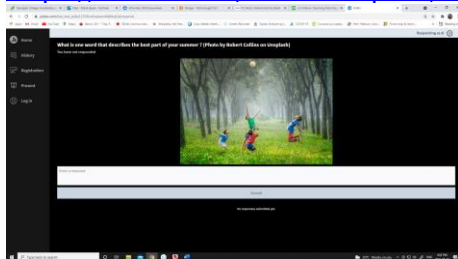
I chose Poll Everywhere because of the following factors:

- Students can answer and ask questions anonymously which may encourage participation in class
- I feel that it will give me more honest representation of students' feelings rather than silence or the response of a limited few when I ask any questions?
- I'm optimistic that greater participation in class will contribute to the sense of community in our classes
- It will give me rapid snapshots of some aspects of understanding in the class so that I can adapt to students' learning needs as we move through the material.
- Students are mostly comfortable using their phones/tablets/laptops, so the answering process is fairly straightforward for them.
- I can use Poll Everywhere to enhance the interactivity of my slideshows for both online classes and in person classes
- I have participated as a student using Poll Everywhere in CTL sessions at the college so I felt that I have some understanding of what my students might experience.
- Poll Everywhere is available to Georgian instructors. This was important as often I have approximately 50 students in my classes and some of the other programs I looked at required purchasing a package to allow such a large "audience".
- Some support is available through our CTL faculty as they are familiar with Poll Everywhere – this was reassuring!
- After creating my prototypes, I'm hopeful that as I become more familiar with using it, it will not too much extra time to my class prep time.

Here are some examples of polls I can use in my first class:

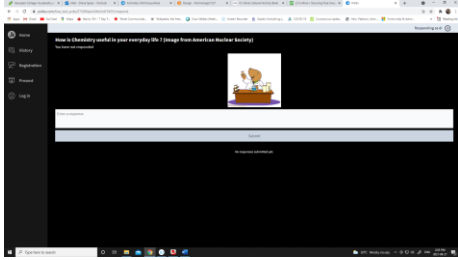
1. **What is one word that describes the best part of your summer ?**

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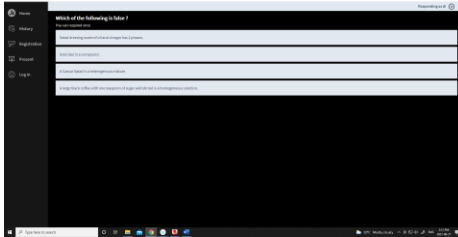
2. How is Chemistry useful in your everyday life ?

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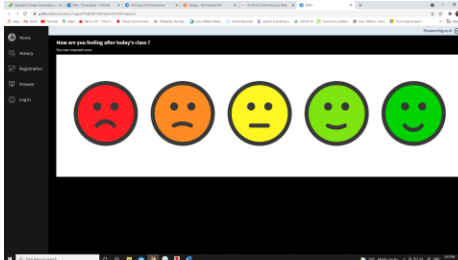
3. Which of the following is false ?

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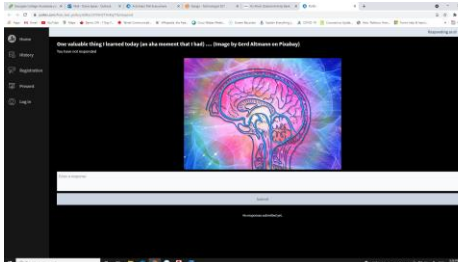
4. How are you feeling after today's class ?

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5. One valuable thing I learned today (an aha moment) ?

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6. One question I still have ?

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