

Tips for using Discovery Streaming

If you are an educator who has access to Discovery Streaming from Discovery Education (formerly United Streaming), you can use the images, videos, and other features of Discovery Streaming in your webquests, provided you follow the Terms of Use. The key phrase to keep in mind is highlighted below, from part D in the terms of use:

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In other words, you can use Discovery Streaming in your webquests, but you need to post the images or video in a secure site that requires students to log in to gain access. **Here are three ways to use DS video in your webquests:**

1. Discovery partners with Blackboard and advertises Blackboard on their website, so go ahead and place your videos into Blackboard! You can put the entire webquest on BB, or just the video students need to use. Tell students to log in to BB and explain where to look for the video in the “task” section of your webquest.
2. If you put a class on your Discovery Education site, you could use the Assignment Builder[†] feature in Discovery Streaming to list the requirements for the task part of your webquest, including the videos students are supposed to watch there.
3. Another alternative to using Blackboard to put Discovery videos into your webquests is to create a Power Point for your webquest (each slide can contain a different section of the webquest). You can embed DS video into Power Point, following the directions on DS website in the Teacher Center.* You could place your Power on individual computers within your classroom or place it on a secure site per the Terms of Use mentioned above.

[†]Using the Assignment Builder feature of Discovery Streaming: see your packet for more information.

*How to embed a video in Power Point: see your packet for information.