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Transcript for Video 1: Clipping a Screenshot Using Evernote Web Clipper

Students have a lot of choices about how to clip a source using Evernote Web Clipper. When they come across something they'd like to save in Evernote, they should clip the icon for the Web Clipper. That's the elephant in the add-ons bar.

Now they've got several choices to decide between: they have to decide which of the choices will be more useful, given the material they're clipping. In this case, suppose the student wants to clip a still from this Youtube video about the making of the movie *True Grit*. If they choose "Article," only the text that is not shaded out will be captured. In this case, you might notice that there is <u>no</u> text that is not shaded out, so nothing of use. By clipping "Simplified Article," they'll get, again, not much good: enough to identify the source, and it would come with a link so that they could follow back. But this is sub-optimal. If they click "Full Page," everything within the green box will be saved; in fact, the full text of the web page, in this case.

Now that may be a little bit of overkill, but is pretty good for capturing a snapshot of a page that might be dynamic, and that might change before the student comes back to it. If they want a minimal clip that will allow them to identify what they're getting, and follow back to the source, a "Bookmark" is a good idea. Now bookmarks aren't always useful on subscription databases, because a simple bookmark won't get back into an authorized session.

Now, in this case, the student wants a screenshot: and so by clicking on "Screenshot," you are able to select any part of the screen that you want clipped in. This is very handy for video clips.

And so here we have a picture of the actress playing Mattie in *True Grit.* Now we have some options: we could annotate on the picture using a variety of tools here if we wanted to. We can decide how we want to organize this screenshot. By clicking on this (selects name of folder), we would see all of the notebooks that are available to the student, so including all of them that have been shared to them. They can also click on "Add Tag" and add any tag that they would like: it allows up to 100 tags on the free version.

They can also add notes relatively easily. However, it is easy after clipping to reorganize, to add more tags or change tags, or to add notes, so if they forget at the moment of clipping, that's not that big a deal. By clipping "Save" we get a confirmation notice that tells us where the note's gone, and it is shared up the cloud now, so they can access it from their account with any of their devices.

Transcript for Video 2: Sharing a Notebook with Evernote

It's relatively easy for students to share notebooks on Evernote. But it is very important to let them know to share notebooks and not individual notes. Sharing individual notes would be very difficult to evaluate.

This is a newly created Evernote web account that's just been confirmed through email. Before students confirm their email addresses, the sharing icons won't appear, and that can be a source of some frustration.

So, let's go ahead and create a new notebook. For the purposes of the class, it's a good idea to create one with your name and maybe a course number. That's going to be important from your point of view, because you'll find that there suddenly will be a great number of notebooks shared with you, particularly if you're doing this across several sections.

We'll go ahead and create the notebook. Now, there's several ways to share that notebook. You can share them either from the notebook list, or from inside the notebook where we are now. So if we click on the share button, it'll give us some options. If you have google accounts, you can go ahead and find contacts, and it will populate your contacts, but it's probably easier to just type an email address in.

It's very important in this case to get that email correct. One of the sources of frustration in my classes were people who shared me email addresses that weren't associated with their Evernote accounts, or who gave me email addresses that weren't correctly transcribed. In those cases you can have some real problems. So make sure you have an accurate list of your students' email addresses that will allow you to send something pretty easily.

As soon as I want to, I can type a message: "Here's my shared folder." I can set permissions: can edit and invite, can edit, or can view. For this purpose, I'll set "Can edit and invite," though for most purposes, "Can edit" alone will do, unless you need your students to be able to add other people to the notebook. Then, if you go ahead and click send, what that does is to send a message to the associated email, but it'll also send a message through Evernote Work Chat.

Work chat is a pretty light weight chat client that's mostly good for sending notebooks and identifying them. You can also answer student questions from within work chat, though again, those will only appear when students are logged in to Evernote. For the share to begin, all that they'll have to do is accept the shared notebook in their own work chat.