How to add a feed of the latest Google News results related to a keyword

**Step 1:** Determine where your news feed will be located in your Blackboard course.

You can create a folder to hold the RSS content or place the RSS feeds within specific course units.
Step 2: Go to www.news.google.com.

Step 3: Search for a relevant keyword, using quotation marks.
Step 4: Scroll to the bottom of the news results page and click the RSS link. This will open a new window or tab like the one shown.

Step 5: Copy the RSS link for this webpage.
Step 6: Paste the feed link into an online tool that can convert the feed into javascript. Two options include:

• Feed2JS (shown here):  
  http://www.feed2js.org/index.php?s=build

• RSS-to-Javascript:  

Step 7: Customize the rest of the settings based on your preferences, but make sure that you set “Target links in a new window” to “y” (meaning “yes”).

This will ensure that students can see the articles in a new tab or window without losing their place in Blackboard.
Step 8: Preview the feed to check the formatting. Then, click to Generate the JavaScript.

Step 9: Copy the javascript code.
Step 10: Create a new item in the predetermined location in your Blackboard course.

Enter any information or instructions to students about the RSS feed.

Step 11: Toggle to the HTML view by clicking the button below.
Step 12: Copy and paste the javascript code into the Blackboard item while in HTML Source mode. Make sure to paste the code after your instructions. Then, click to submit the item.

Important: Do not switch out of HTML mode for items that contain RSS feeds. If you do, the RSS feed code will no longer work.
Overview of Week 1
This week we will question whether there are best practices for online courses and how we can identify, test, and determine the relevancy of these practices. We will also begin looking at effective instructional strategies for online learning.

Activities
- Read pages 1-17 in your textbook.
- Read two articles from the Google News feed below.

Feed of Google News Search Results for "Education Technology"
Read two articles related to "Education Technology" from the Google News feed below. Post a link to the articles you read in the discussion board. Also, for each link, post three points that are relevant to this week's study.

*education technology* - Google News

- New Oriental Education & Technology Defies the Rating: Up 7.9% Falls to - Financial News Network Online
- Microsoft participates at BETT showcasing technology innovation and empowering - AME info
- Most problems with statewide school software resolved, Alabama school - al.com (blog)
- Analyst Rating Flashback: New Oriental Education & Technology Up 6.7% Since - Financial News Network Online

Last step: Turn the edit mode off in Blackboard and test that the feed links are working properly.