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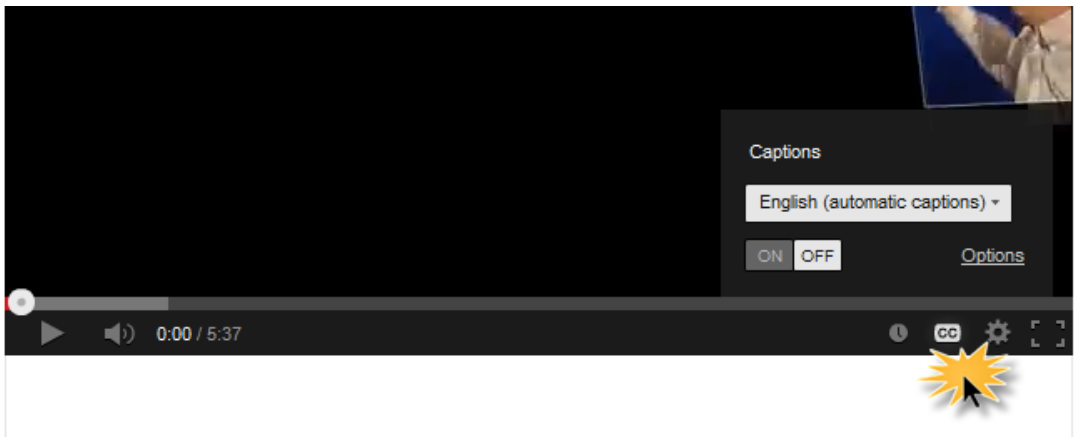
## How to enable captions for embedded YouTube video

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If you are using YouTube video in your courses, it is imperative to add captions:

- Captioning improves comprehension for all viewers, especially for those with English as a second language.
- Compliance with ADA and other Human Rights legislation indicates that all broadcast or distributed video content be captioned.
- Captioning is a key element of Universal Design for video material, especially for educational material.

YouTube provides speech recognition technology to automatically make captions available.



These automatic captions are not perfect. Several factors determine the accuracy of speech recognition technology, such as articulation and sound quality. If the video is yours, YouTube does provide a means for editing those captions. [You can click here, to learn more about creating and editing captions with YouTube.](#)

If you are planning on embedding YouTube video into Blackboard, you will need to enable the option to display captions.

Go to YouTube, bring up your video. Click the share link and copy the embed code. You can also choose from a list of Video sizes.

A screenshot of the YouTube share and embed options. At the top, there is a 'Subscribe' button with 1,599,718 subscribers and a thumbs up icon with 32 likes. Below this are icons for 'Like', 'Dislike', 'About', 'Share', 'Add to', and a menu icon. The 'Share' option is selected, and the 'Embed' tab is active. The embed code is displayed in a text box: 

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<iframe width="560" height="315" src="//www.youtube.com/embed/c0KYU2j0TM4" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen>
</iframe>
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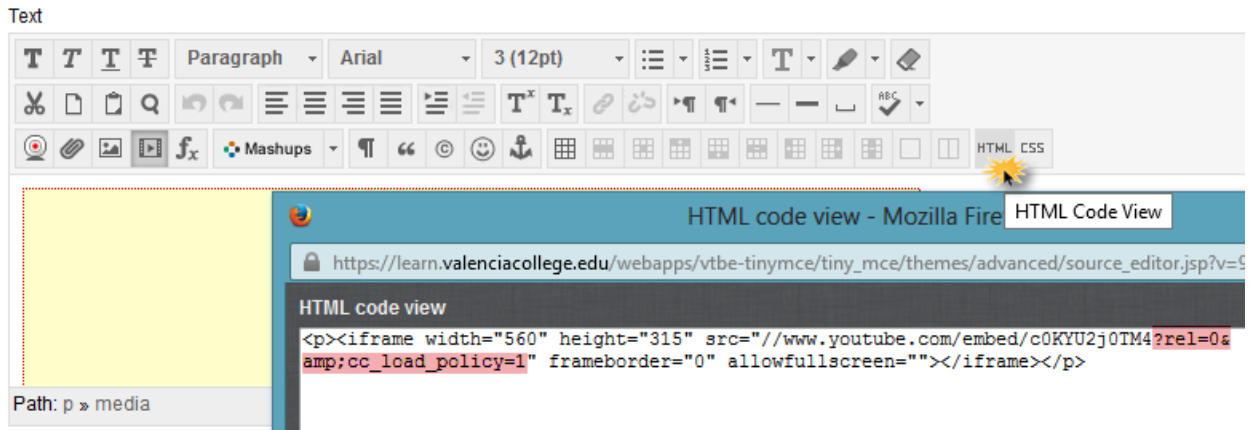
 Below the code box is a 'Video size' dropdown menu set to '560 x 315'.

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Next, you will need to go into Blackboard, create an item, and paste that embed code using the HTML editor tool



Finally, to add the CC button so viewers can turn on captions you will need to add a bit of code to the end of the url for the video source (as depicted in the image above): **?rel=0&cc\_load\_policy=1**

That bit of code is what is missing by default. I do not know why YouTube makes us manually add this code, but as of now they do.