Add a Twitter feed to Blackboard

You have probably seen Twitter feeds published to major news websites. If you use Blackboard, it is easy to publish your tweets (or the results of a particular Twitter search) to your blackboard course and keep non-twittering students engaged by bringing Twitter to them.

Visit https://Twitter.com/about/resources/widgets

Click My Website on the left side of the screen

To publish your own tweets to Blackboard, select Profile Widget. (The Search Widget is another useful tool to publish to Blackboard, particularly when used in conjunction with hashtags – set up is very similar to the profile widget detailed here.)
If you are happy with the way the widget looks right out of the box, click **Finish & Grab Code**.

To tweak the settings (like number of tweets shown and the colors), use the **Preferences, Appearance** and **Dimension** options at the top left.
Click in the code box to select the code, and copy it by your preferred method (e.g. use the keyboard shortcut CTRL+C on Windows or Command+C on a Mac, or right click and select Copy)

Now head to your Blackboard course. We’re going to paste the code into a Blank Page. You have two alternatives for creating a blank page:

**Option 1: Create a blank page in the course menu**

Hover over the + icon at the top left of the course menu and select Create Blank Page.
Type a suitable name, check the **Available to Users** box and click Submit.

**Option 2: Create a blank page within a content area**

From the course menu, access the content area where you want your Twitter feed to live.
Ensure **Edit Mode** is on. Hover over the **Build Content** button and select **Blank Page** from the dropdown.

Once you have created your blank page, click the button just above the content box that toggles into **HTML Source Mode**.
What's going on here?
Blank Pages in Blackboard are essentially just web pages. When you type in the content box, Blackboard formats your text into HTML behind the scenes. If you are comfortable with HTML (or if, like here, you have been given HTML code from a widget), you can change the HTML of a page directly. You will know you are in HTML Source Mode because the background of the content box will be a creamy color. For typing regular text (not code), you should not be in HTML Source Mode.

Click Submit to save the page. Switch edit mode off and your Twitter feed appears!