Due Dates versus Display Dates

You can set both due dates and display dates for assignments and discussions. This article describes the differences between the two features.

1. **Due Date**: When you are creating an assignment, you can set a due date. Submissions coming in after the due date will be considered late. Students can see, access, and submit to the assignment as soon as it is published, and after the due date. This date will be displayed both in the assignment and in the syllabus page.

2. **Display Date**: If you would like to prevent the students from seeing the assignment at any time, you can set the display date. The display date will make the assignment available only within the date range set even if it is published. This feature can be used to prevent students from beginning assignments too early, or submitting assignments after the due date. This date will only be displayed in the assignment.

![Assignments screenshot]

Note: The assignment with display dates set will still be visible on the syllabus page, but when the students click onto the assignment, they will get a page similar to below:
This assignment is locked until Jan 1, 2020 at 12am.

For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.