Create a Blackboard content item with an embedded Google doc containing working hyperlinks

Problem: I have a Google doc that I’ve embedded from my Google Drive and whenever I click on the links it tries to open it in Blackboard and I receive redirect messages and errors.

Fix:

1) Go to your Google Doc, full of hyperlinks:

2) Go to File → Publish to the Web. Select the Link tab (not Embed), copy the link URL (which should end in "pub"). If you want, check the option to require viewers to be VCU only.
3) Next, go to https://www.iframe-generator.com/ and paste your Google URL into the iFrameURL field. Click Generate. Copy the iFrame code that is generated.

NOTE: The great thing about using this particular site is that it has defaults that don’t need to be changed in order for the final paste into Blackboard to work (i.e. scrolling, frame dimensions, and fullscreen allow).

4) Create a new content item in Blackboard. Click the HTML button in the WYSIWYG editor and paste the iFrame code. Click Update. Click submit on the content item when completed.
5) The content item should now look something like this:

Test document with hyperlinks - TIL Session

The Jamestown[1] settlement in the Colony of Virginia was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. It was located on the east bank of the James (Powhatan) River about 2.5 mi (4 km) southwest of the center of modern Williamsburg. William Ketos writes that Jamestown "is where the British Empire began"[2] It was established by the Virginia Company of London as "James Fort" on May 4, 1607 O.S. (May 14, 1607 N.S.),[3] and was considered permanent after brief abandonment in 1610. It followed several failed attempts, including the Lost Colony of Roanoke, established in 1585 on Roanoke Island. Jamestown served as the capital of the colony of Virginia for 83 years, from 1616 until 1699.

Aha! The links now ALL open in a new browser tab but there's a bit of a problem! I can't see my whole document because iFrame scrolling is OFF.

Editing the HTML again and updating the iFrame scrolling to "YES" allows me to scroll just fine.

Playing with the width may improve some things here as well, to get it just right.

NOTE: Any changes made to the Google Doc will refresh in 5 minute intervals inside of Blackboard.... be patient and they will show up eventually!