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We used to recommend using Google Docs embed viewer. We stopped recommending this approach in 2018, after all major browsers began supporting displaying PDFs and Google stopped updating the Google Docs embed viewer. We now recommend a basic iframe, as outlined below.

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