

The discussion boards are important for students and instructors to share information and to build on prior knowledge throughout the week.

What are the recommended and expected deadline due dates?

Although you are strongly encouraged to post early (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)m you will not be penalized for missing any discussion board deadlines except for the Tuesday, midnight deadline at the end of the school week.

What does a "quality" discussion post look like?

You will be graded on the quality of your initial discussion board post and yo9ur responses to classmates. A high quality post includes:

- Initial discussion board question is answered accurately and with detail (0-6 points)
- Postings contain one or more critical thinking questions or thoughts to stimulate interaction (0-6 points)
- Postings contain outside research, for example, web links, articles, references to text, etc. (0-6 points)
- Responses to other classmates (2 at minimum) are thoughtful and advance the discussions ((0-6 points)
- Proper mechanics are used (0-3 points)

Postings and responses are respectful in tone (0-3 points)

Discussion Scoring Guide

Criteria					Points earned
Analysis of Unit Topic and/or Question	Initial discussion board post on topic and/or question is answered accurately and with detail 5-6 Points	Initial discussion board post on topic and/or question lacks some accuracy or detail 3-4 Points	Initial discussion board post to topic and/or question is very limited in accuracy or details or both 1-2 Points	No posting on discussion board topic and/ or question 0 Points	
Response to Classmate Discussion	Responses (2or more) are thoughtful, on topic and advance the discussion 5- 6 Points	Responses (2 or more) advance the discussion 3-4 Points	Response only to one classmate 1-2 Points	No response to a classmate 0 Point	

Outside Research (APA required)	One, or more, postings contain outside research (web links, articles, course texts, etc), in APA format and style, that builds on discussion board topic or question, course theory and prior knowledge 5-6 Points	One, or more, postings contain outside research, in APA format and style on discussion board topic and/or question 3-4 Points	Outside research is provided, but not in APA format and style, in one, or more postings 1- 2 Points	No postings contain outside research 0 Points	
Critical Thinking Question or Thought	A critical thinking question, relevant to the topic and/or question, that will stimulate discussion, is provided in one, or more, postings 5-6 Points	A critical thinking question or thought that will stimulate discussion is provided in one, or more, postings 3-4 Points	A question or though is provided in one, or more, postings 1-2 Points	A critical thinking question or thought is not included in any posting 0 Point	
Respect	Postings and responses are respectful in tone 3 Points	Postings and responses are mostly respectful in tone 2 Points	Postings and responses border on disrespect and sarcasm 1 Point	Postings and responses are not respectful in tone 0 Points	
Mechanics	All postings are mechanically and grammatically correct 3 Points	Postings contain 1-3 spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors 2 Points	Postings contain 4-6 spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors 1 Point	Postings contain more than 6 spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. 0 Points	
Timeliness	Deadline is Tuesday at the end of the Unit's week	Classmates cannot respond until you post	Postings completed after the week is over will not receive credit	THANK YOU.	
Total Points Earned Out of 30:					/30

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