

Rubric: Online Discussion Board



Discussion Board			
	Below 1 pts Effort at this level is less than expected and is graded as "D" or "F"	Meets Expectations 3 pts Effort at this level represents what is expected and is therefore graded in the "C" range	Exceeds 5 pts Effort at this level is more than expected and is graded as "B" or "A"
Post construction	Below Simple posts that lack insight, depth, or are superficial. Entries tend to be short and frequently irrelevant to the key question. Does not express opinion clearly. Shows little understanding.	Meets Expectations Posts are rather simple but show some insight, depth, or connection to the key question. Some material may be irrelevant, but personal opinion is appropriately expressed & posts as a whole show understanding.	Exceeds Posts show insight, depth, & understanding. They connect with the topic and include references to supporting material (e.g., URLs, files). Personal opinion is appropriately expressed & clearly related to the thread.
Reply construction	Below Simple replies that lack insight, depth, or are superficial. Entries tend to be short and frequently irrelevant to the original post. Does not express opinion clearly. Shows little understanding.	Meets Expectations Replies are rather simple but show some insight, depth, or connection to the original post. Some material may be irrelevant, but personal opinion is appropriately expressed & posts as a whole show understanding.	Exceeds Replies show insight, depth, & understanding. They connect with the original post and add to that post by including references to supporting material (e.g., URLs, files). Personal opinion is appropriately expressed & clearly related to original post.
Evaluation: Critique	Below Little or no effort is made to provide constructive criticism of other posts or replies.	Meets Expectations Provides, in an appropriate manner, rather simple critiques of other posts/replies that could be helpful to the original author.	Exceeds Provides, in an appropriate manner, constructive criticism of other posts/replies that should be of considerable help to the original author.
Evaluation: Questions	Below Little or no effort is made to pose appropriate questions or to respond to questions posed by others.	Meets Expectations Appropriate questions are posed or responded to in a manner that shows good understanding of the topic and an acceptable ability to defend one's position.	Exceeds Poses/replies to especially focused or challenging questions in a way showing significant understanding of the topic and a good ability to defend one's position.
Community contribution	Below Little or no effort is made to participate in the development of the community.	Meets Expectations Some attempts at directing discussion or presenting viewpoints that encourages group involvement.	Exceeds Consistently provides leadership and creativity by engaging and motivating the learning community.
Grammar/Mechanics	Below Poor spelling and grammatical errors in several posts/replies. Written in informal language, abbreviations or txt.	Meets Expectations Posts/replies have few spelling and grammatical errors. Text construction is mostly formal with few abbreviations or txt style language.	Exceeds Posts/replies consistently show good grammar, have little or no spelling errors, and are presented in a structure/format that enhances readability.