

Discussion Board Grading Rubric

Category	1 point	(.5) point	0 points
Initial Posting	Initial posting was made by midnight of Day 3 of the assigned week. The posting was original and contained a minimum of 200 words.	Initial posting was late. And/or The posting was original and contained between 75-199 words.	No initial posting. And/or the posting was not original. And or the posting contained less than 75 words. And/or did not include all the required elements.
Frequency of Postings	Student posts on four or more different days of the week (one day with an original post and on three more days).	Student posts on three days of the week.	Student posts on two days of the week, or not at all.
Content Contribution	Clearly understood the topic, in-depth comments were thoughtful, drew connections to rotation or real life experiences; content is consistently current.	Understanding of the topic is limited or unclear; comments were accurate, but little supporting information and reflect common knowledge rather than critical analysis; connections to rotation or real life are weak; content is not always current.	Did not show an adequate understanding of the topic; comments were rudimentary, superficial, without significant analysis or critique; content seldom if ever current. Student gave incorrect information.
Advances the Discussion	Consistently advanced the discussion. Introduced novel ideas and topics. Involved others in the discussion by specifically directing comments or questions. Always on topic.	Occasionally posts off topic. Some connections to novel ideas and topics. Sometimes involved others in the dialogue by specifically directing comments or questions.	Often off topic. No novel ideas or connections. Rarely advanced the discussion.
Spelling, Grammar and Typographical	The posting has no typographical or spelling errors. The posting uses complete sentences, correct grammar and punctuation.	The posting contains one of the following: typographical error, spelling error, punctuation error, incomplete sentence or example of incorrect grammar.	The posting contains multiple examples of any of the following: typographical errors, spelling errors, punctuation errors, incomplete sentences or examples of incorrect grammar.