

Discussion Board Grading Rubric

Criteria	Advanced (A)	Proficient (B)	Basic (C)	Not there yet (D)	Not there at all (F)
Development of Ideas	Well-developed ideas; introduces ideas, and stimulates discussion	Developing ideas; sometimes stimulates discussion	Ideas are there but not fully developed; does not stimulate much discussion	Poorly developed ideas which do not add to the discussion	Does not enter the discussion
Critical Thinking	Clear evidence of critical thinking application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Postings are characterized by clarity of argument, depth of insight into issues, originality of treatment, and relevance. Sometimes include unusual insights. Arguments are well supported	Beginning of critical thinking; postings tend to address peripheral issues. Generally accurate, but could be improved with more analysis and creative thought. Tendency to recite facts or textual information rather than address issues.	Critical thinking evidence exists but is not fully formed. Several tangential issues address. Some accuracy, but much more analysis and thought needed. Almost exclusively repeating information from the texts or lecture material rather than addressing issues	Poorly developed critical thinking	Does not enter the discussion

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Clarity	Posts are well-articulated and understandable; flawless grammar, punctuation, and usage	Posts are articulate and understandable, but there are minor errors in grammar, punctuation, and/or usage	Posts are occasionally difficult to understand with several errors in grammar, punctuation, and/or usage	Posts are difficult to understand with many errors	Posts are unintelligible or not present
Responses to Other Students and Instructor	Interacts more than 2 times with other students and instructor	Interacts at least 2 times with other students and instructor	Interacts at least once with other students or instructor	Does not interact with other students or instructor	Does not enter the discussion
Timeliness	Posting and all responses made on time	Posting made on time but at least one response is late	Posting made on time but both responses are late	Posting is made after the deadline and both responses are late	Everything is late or incomplete