

## Rubric for Grading Discussion Board Posts

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During weeks when another assignment is due, there will be a graded discussion forum (DF). When there is a graded DF, the initial posting should be completed before Thursday. You will be graded on this initial posting as follows:

Proficient (A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• well-developed (about 2 fully developed paragraphs)</li><li>• answers the questions asked</li><li>• introduces new ideas</li><li>• incorporates weekly content</li></ul>	7-10
Basic (B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• primary ideas are posted</li><li>• organization of ideas is weak</li></ul>	4-6
Minimal/Below average (C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• poorly developed</li><li>• does not add to the discussion</li><li>• misses the questions</li><li>• late work</li></ul>	1-3
Unacceptable (F) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• failure to submit</li></ul>	0
TOTAL:	10

At least two responses to postings of classmates are required. It is best to complete these before Sunday as late postings don't add to the conversation. You are expected to read the postings throughout the week. The responses should not be all made at once, but spread out, to allow discussions to develop. Your responses (all of them) will be graded together, using the following rubric:

Proficient (A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• responses to classmates are articulate</li><li>• specific references made to course content that indicate an understanding and synthesis of key principles under study</li><li>• reflect critical thinking</li></ul>	7-10
Basic (B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• responses to classmates are posted as required</li><li>• support is weak, vague, or largely conjecture</li></ul>	4-6
Minimal/Below average (C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• responses to classmates are posted as required</li><li>• support is lacking and response is based on conjecture</li><li>• no reference made to readings or coursework</li></ul>	1-3
Unacceptable (F) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• failure to submit</li></ul>	0
TOTAL:	10