

**Assignment: Weekly Discussion Forum Postings
Assessment Criteria**

Online class discussions are an essential part of this class. At the beginning of the week, the instructor will post one or more questions for the topics of the week. Respond to the question(s), and continue the discussion by responding to other discussion postings. Remember the following guidelines for posting:

1. Focus on the questions posted for the topic. Make sure to include related thoughts, readings, materials, impressions, and questions you might have about the topic related to the questions. They should be thought provoking, insightful, reflective and challenging.
2. Postings should be sufficiently substantive and relate to the key questions. The length of the response should be approximately one to two paragraphs, however longer responses may be needed to sufficiently discuss the question and topic.
3. When responding to other postings, avoid using responses such as "I agree," or "Great thought." When you agree or disagree, include ideas based on readings, discussions, or videos to back up your thoughts.
4. Refer to others' discussions and respond to previous posts. Move the discussion along by relating to earlier postings whenever possible.
5. Keep the feedback constructive, specific, and supportive.
6. Use correct spelling and complete sentences for all postings.

<i>Initial Posting Criteria</i>	<i>Points (5)</i>
Discussion is substantive & relates to the key questions	2
Discussion is thought provoking, insightful, reflective, challenging	1
Refers to readings, videos, and research within discussion post to support ideas and statements	1
Shows interest and understanding of topic	1
<i>Response Posting Criteria</i>	<i>Points (5)</i>
Analyses others' discussions and addresses previous discussions posted	1
Refers to others' discussions and addresses previous discussions posted	1
Feedback to class members is constructive, specific and supportive	2
Uses correct spelling and complete sentences for all postings	1