

| Criteria | Below Average | Average | Outstanding |
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| Formatting | <p>0–8 points</p> <p>Original post is less than 500 words. Follow-up replies are less than 100 words. Does not reference text in original response.</p> | <p>9–17 points</p> <p>Meets minimum requirement of 3-5 paragraphs for an original post and 100 words for follow-up replies. References text at least once. Does not expand on references.</p> | <p>18–25 points</p> <p>Identifies references (not necessarily in APA format). Posts original response expanding on reference. Goes beyond minimum wording requirements. Uses two or more in original response.</p> |
| Participation | <p>0–8 points</p> <p>Does not complete original post to DB questions or follow-up replies to students. Posts original response after the due date. Posts on the due date. Little or no participation in DB.</p> | <p>9–17 points</p> <p>Posts original thread and two replies. Replies are posted late on the due date. Adds more than one post per day. Some activity in DB</p> | <p>18–25 points</p> <p>Original response to DB is posted on time. Posts more than two replies on separate days and is active in DB.</p> |
| Level of Engagement | <p>0–8 points</p> <p>No analysis in original post or replies. Does not respond to others points of view in a constructive manner. Does not question the material. Seldom goes beyond "I agree" or "disagree" statements.</p> | <p>9–17 points</p> <p>Some original thought. Limited analysis of topics and other posts. Makes limited effort to expand on topic.</p> | <p>18–25 points</p> <p>Analyzes material beyond text. Challenges own thought process. Adds to discussion by expanding on posts by others.</p> |
| Clarity, Grammar, Spelling | <p>0–3 points</p> <p>Uses online/texting jargon. Grammatical/spelling errors throughout. Invalid paragraph structure. Writing is incomplete or lacks clarity. Does not use paragraph format.</p> | <p>9–17 points</p> <p>Grammatical errors present in responses. Responses are understandable with some content error. Errors present in paragraph formatting.</p> | <p>18–25 points</p> <p>Posts are grammatically correct. Few if any errors. Responses are well phrased and understandable</p> |