

## Discussion Board Information

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### POSTING TO THE DISCUSSION BOARD

1. Click on the Discussion Board link within weekly folders
2. Click on the Weekly Forum
3. Click on the Weekly Thread
4. Read the questions.
5. Click on reply.
6. Briefly number and restate each question and type your answer. (Do this in MS Word so that you can correct typos and/or grammar first). Include a salutation (i.e. Dear Class) and close with your name. Copy and paste your posting into the reply box. Click on Submit.

| Discussion Board Format                                      |   |
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| Initial Post   | Responding to Classmate   |
| Include salutation ( <b>Dear Class</b> )                     | Include specific salutation ( <b>Dear Ben</b> )   |
| In order, list each Q and A.                                 | Restate the Q & A to which you are responding.  |
| Share resources, experiences and personal analysis/comments. | With respect and kindness, evaluate classmates' resources, adding additional information, experience and great resources. |

| Discussion Board Rubric  |          |
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| Original Posting   | 5 points |
| Restate each question and original answer fully (with resource when asked for) and having few grammatical or stylistic errors. |          |

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| Relate information to personal or general experience; with clear connections and new ideas.   |                 |
| Relate new information to old information learned in or outside of the course.  |                 |
| Rich content and critical level discussion...not just recitation of facts. Focus on your opinion, why you hold that opinion plus possible implications. |                 |
| Length of posting: One paragraph per question   |                 |
| <b>Reply to classmates posting</b>  | <b>5 points</b> |
| Discuss one point you agree with and one you disagree with and why.   |                 |
| Length is 1 to 2 paragraphs   |                 |
| Discussions must be made on time for others to read and respond.  |                 |
| Information should be original, thoughtful, insightful and analytical. Include connections to real-life situations.                                     |                 |

MCC Writing Instructor, Jim Sullivan, states that: *"Discussion Board Forums help students to learn more about their subject, text, and online lecture through shared reflection. Writing an engaging analytical paragraph about what one has read, lets your instructor know that you have thought carefully about the current topic".*

<http://www.miracosta.edu/home/jimsullivan/2180/dfrubric.htm>