

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>	<b>Minimally Responsive</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>Criteria Points</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	
Relevance and Depth of Initial Post	Initial post is off-topic, and not relevant to the discussion topic; or no post submitted.	Initial post is related to the discussion topic, but focuses on only a small part of the topic.	Initial post is relevant and responds completely to the discussion topic.	Initial post thoroughly responds to all aspects of the discussion topic, and incorporates multiple perspectives, ideas, or concepts.	10%
<b>Criteria Points</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	
Use of Course Material in Initial Post	Initial post makes no mention to the course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc), related literature, or personal experiences; or no post is submitted.	Initial post refers to personal experiences, but fails to relate those experiences to the course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc) or related literature. When references to course materials are made, there are errors and misunderstanding of major concepts.	Initial post identifies and references course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc.) and related literature. References to course material show a good understanding of key ideas and concepts.	Initial post references course materials (readings, videos, module notes, etc), and related literature. Post elaborates on course materials by making connections between key ideas and concepts.	15%
<b>Criteria Points</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	
Critical Analysis in Initial Post	Claims within the post are based on personal opinion and lack sufficient evidence; or no post is submitted.	Claims are based solely on personal experience or references to course materials; claims are sometimes inaccurate.	Evidence is provided to support claims, but lacks critical thought and depth.	Substantial evidence and critical thought are provided to justify the claims made within post.	15%
<b>Criteria Points</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	
Timeliness of Initial Post	No initial post or is completed after Saturday at 11:59 PM for the week that it is due.	Initial post is completed by Saturday at 11:59 PM ET.	Initial post is completed by Friday at 11:59PM ET.	Initial post is completed by Thursday at 11:59 PM ET.	10%
<b>Criteria Points</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	

Substance of responses	Responses rely entirely on short statements like "I agree with...", "I like it", or "Great idea"; or no response posts are submitted.	Responses mostly summarize or rehash the comments of others, but are not substantive.	Responses elaborate on others' ideas by adding substantive observations and comments or posing questions.	Responses are substantive, introduce new ideas and advance the discussion by incorporating course materials and concepts or through application to real-world contexts.	30%
Criteria Points	0	6	8	10	
Quantity of responses	No response posts	1 response post	2 response posts	More than 2 response posts	10%
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Writing Mechanics	Posts are disorganized, lack clarity, and contain frequent and glaring spelling and grammatical errors, which make understanding the post difficult; or no posts submitted.	Posts contain some obvious errors in spelling, grammar and organization. Errors make the main idea unclear and distract from the content of the post. Sources cited incorrectly if present.	Posts are written clearly with only minor errors in organization, spelling, and grammar. The post has clarity and the main point is easy to identify. Sources are cited correctly if present	Posts are well-organized, clearly and concisely written. The posts are easy to read and free of spelling and grammatical errors. Sources are present and cited correctly	10%
Total Points	0	60	80	100	