

Criteria	Exceptional	Good	Needs Improvement	Insufficient or lacking
Initial discussion post to assigned question	Initial discussion post and two (2) replies on two (2) separate days. 5 points	Initial discussion post and two (2) replies on same day. 3 points	Initial discussion post and replies made all on same day. 1 point	Only initial discussion is made. 0 points
Initial discussion post: Evidence of critical thinking and critical analysis	Synthesizes content from assignment and what has already been learned in the course, addresses inconsistencies, poses new possibilities, and makes connections to other content and real-life situations. Evidence is supported by scholarly citations. 15 points	Synthesizes content from assignment and what has already been learned in the course, addresses inconsistencies, does not pose new possibilities?, and makes connections to other content and real-life situations. Evidence is supported by scholarly citations. 10 points	Makes connections to real-life situations but the synthesis of content is unclear, not firmly established, or not obvious. Evidence is supported by scholarly citations. 5 points	Makes no connections to real-life situations, synthesis to new content is unclear, not firmly established, or not obvious. 0 points
#1 Reply to peer's initial discussion post	Responds to alternate peer group initial discussion post. Reply includes critique and analysis of the point(s) mentioned, comparing and/or contrasting how the writer supports or questions the point(s). Evidence is supported by scholarly citation(s). 8 points	Responds to alternate peer group initial discussion post. Reply includes analysis of point(s) mentioned, and comparing and/or contrasting why the writer agrees or disagrees. Evidence is not clearly connected. Still should be supported by scholarly citation(s) How is this different from Exceptional? Only the word critique is left out but if there is analysis of point(s) mentioned and comparing and/or contrasting	Provides opinions; Reply is rudimentary and superficial, lacking any degree of analysis, critique, comparison, or contrast. No supporting evidence. 3 points	No reply was made to other student's initial discussion post. 0 points

		<p>why the writer agrees or disagrees. isn't that critiquing? 5 points</p>		
#2 Reply to peer's initial discussion post	<p>Responds to alternate peer group initial discussion post. Reply includes critique and analysis of the point(s) mentioned, comparing and/or contrasting how the writer supports or questions the point(s). Evidence is supported by scholarly citation(s). 8 points</p>	<p>Responds to alternate peer group initial discussion post. Reply includes analysis of point(s) mentioned, and comparing and/or contrasting why the writer agrees or disagrees. Evidence is not clearly connected. Still should be supported by scholarly citation(s) How is this different from Exceptional? Only the word critique is left out but if there is analysis of point(s) mentioned and comparing and/or contrasting why the writer agrees or disagrees. isn't that critiquing? 5 points</p>	<p>Provides opinions; Reply is rudimentary and superficial, lacking any degree of analysis, critique, comparison, or contrast. No supporting evidence. 3 points</p>	<p>No reply was made to other student's initial discussion post. 0 points</p>
<p>Reading and resources are current valid peer reviewed</p>	<p>A minimum of two (2) references for the initial discussion post (textbook and one (1) peer reviewed journal article published within five (5) years unless a classic or historical source). A minimum of one (1) different reference in each peer discussion post reply – two (2) total. Each discussion post reply reference can be a peer reviewed journal article published within five (5) years</p>		<p>References are not supplied or do not meet the minimum criteria. 0 points</p>	

references	<p>unless a classic or historical source, or a valid and reliable government or professional organization's website.</p> <p>**A total of four (4) DIFFERENT references must be used.</p> <p>10 points</p>			
Grammar, Spelling, Style, APA Format	<p>Proper grammar, spelling, and APA formatting of citations and references are used. The same error made multiple times will be counted as an error each time. Zero to 1 error. 7 points</p>	<p>Contains minor errors in grammar, spelling, and/or in APA formatting of citations and references. 2-3 errors. 4 points</p>	<p>Contains multiple errors in grammar, spelling, and/or in APA formatting of citations and references. 4-5 errors. 1 point</p>	<p>Lacks proper grammar or APA citations; contains multiple misspelled words. Greater than 5 errors. 0 points</p>