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Each discussion consists of at least 5 posts and is worth up to 25 points each week. The posts are as follows:

1. Your original post.
2. Response posts to **two** of your peers.
   1. Do you best to find two peers to reply to that do not yet have 2 responses. We want to spread the conversation out evenly so that everyone can participate.
3. Moderation of your original post
   1. Respond to the people that have commented on your original post. You can do these before Saturday if you already have replies.
   2. If you don’t have at least 2 responses to your original post, do an extra response to a peer’s original post for each moderation that you need to do.

**GRADING**

Your discussion participation is graded using the rubric below. Don't forget to use it to maximize your contribution!

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| **Component** | **Unacceptable**  **0 Points** | **Emerging**  **1 - 4 Points** | **Good**  **5 - 7 Points** | **Excellent**  **8-10 Points** |
| **Original Post** | No post within the allotted time frame | Post is less than 200 words; argumentation is weak with scant or no course references; multiple typos and/or poor sentence structure. | Post is between 200-300 words; argument is moderately articulated but course references are not strong; writing is not well constructed; some typos or awkward sentence structure (doesn’t look proofread). Citations may be present, but are not formatted correctly and/or references are missing. | Post is at least **300 words;** it reflects a thoughtful/ creative/ insightful argument; **includes direct course reference (in APA format)**; writing is coherent and organized with good grammatical structure and does not contain any direct quotes from sources. If the prompt required research, a citation and reference in APA style for the source material is present. Free of grammatical and spelling errors that prevent comprehension. |
| **Component** | **Unacceptable**  **0 Points** | **Emerging**  **1 point per post** | **Good**  **2-3 points per post** | **Excellent**  **4-5 points per post** |
| **2 Peer Responses** | No responses posted; post is rude or inappropriate | Post is less than 50 words; post is either merely supportive or merely antagonistic without support for agreement or disagreement. | Post is between 50-75 words; response is not well constructed, i.e., “totally, I agree” without supporting reasons; repeats original post instead of building upon it. | YOU MUST *ADD* SOMETHING TO THE DISCUSSION (not repeat); Post is at least **75-100 words**; it is respectful and thoughtful; it builds on the original post; **does NOT say the same thing the posts right above it say**; it’s well written. |
| **Component** | **Unacceptable**  **0 Points** | **Emerging**  **1 point per post** | **Good**  **1.5 points per post** | **Excellent**  **2.5 points per post** |
| **Moderation of original post (at least 2x)** | No responses posted; post(s) is/are rude or inappropriate | Post is less than 2 sentences; post is either merely supportive or merely antagonistic without support for agreement or disagreement. | Post is 2-3 sentences, response is not well constructed, i.e., “totally, I agree” without supporting reasons; repeats original post instead of building upon it. | YOU MUST *ADD* SOMETHING TO THE DISCUSSION (not repeat); Post is at least **3 sentences**; it is respectful and thoughtful; it builds on the original post; **does NOT say the same thing the posts right above it say**; it’s well written. |

For a quick APA crash course, watch this video, [https://www.youtube.com/playli st?list=PL8F43A67F38DE3D5D](https://www.youtube.com/playli)