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Overview

Your active participation in the discussions is essential to your overall success this term. Discussion questions will help you make meaningful connections to larger concepts of the course. These discussions give you a chance to express your own thoughts, ask questions, and gain insight from your peers.

Directions

For each discussion, you must create **one initial post** and follow up with at least **two response posts**.

For your **initial post**, do the following:

- Write a post of 1 to 2 paragraphs.
- In Module One, complete your initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete your initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Consider content from other parts of the course where appropriate. Use proper citation methods for your discipline when referencing.

For your **response posts**, do the following:

- Reply to at least **two** classmates outside of your own initial post thread.
- In Module One, complete your two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.
- In Modules Two through Eight, complete your two response posts by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Demonstrate more depth and thought than saying things like “I agree” or “You are wrong.” Guidance is provided for you in the discussion questions.

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Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement
Comprehension	Develops an initial post with an organized, clear point of view or idea using rich and significant detail (100%)	Develops an initial post with a point of view or idea using adequate organization and detail (85%)	Develops an initial post with a point of view or idea but with some gaps in organization and detail (55%)
Timeliness	N/A	Submits initial post on time (100%)	Submits initial post one day late (55%)
Engagement	Provides relevant and meaningful response posts with	Provides relevant response posts with some explanation	Provides somewhat relevant response posts with some

	clarifying explanation and detail (100%)	and detail (85%)	explanation and detail (55%)
Writing (Mechanics)	Writes posts that are easily understood, clear, and concise using proper citation methods where applicable with no errors in citations (100%)	Writes posts that are easily understood using proper citation methods where applicable with few errors in citations (85%)	Writes posts that are understandable using proper citation methods where applicable with a number of errors in citations (55%)



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