

Discussion Forum Strategies and Best Practices

1. In your written responses, be respectful of your peers and their ideas. Respectful discussion includes making positive, constructive comments, appreciating the ideas of your peers, and avoiding language that is negative and harmful to others. Discussion forums are a safe space to share your thoughts and ideas.
2. Carefully read and then respond to discussion prompts as directed. The intention of a discussion forum is to stimulate conversation, so you will want to clearly express your ideas and share thoughtful comments in the forum.
3. Ensure that your language is appropriate for a class environment.
4. Before posting a response, revise your writing for any grammar, spelling, and sentence structure issues.
5. Strive to respond to peer posts with detailed responses. When responding, think about the following:
 - Did you agree with the contents of your peer's post? Why?
 - Did you disagree with the contents of your peer's post? Explain why, while remaining courteous and respectful.
 - What did you find interesting about your peer's post?
 - What question(s) do you have for your peer?
6. If a post already has many responses, find another post that does not have any responses and comment on that post.