

DQ Grading Criteria – 15 points each week

Requirements:

1. **Initial post for DQ assigned**
 - a. posted by 1159 PM ET Tuesday
 - b. Current authoritative response with APA formatting for references and citations
 - c. must be 250-300 words
 - d. answers the assigned DQ
2. **Substantive responses**
 - a. Two responses to be posted by 1159 PM ET Thursday
 - b. must be 100-120 words
 - c. related to the concept/content
 - d. moves the discussion forward with appropriate responses referenced
 - e. posted over at least 3 separate days during the DQ week

Grading: The maximum weekly discussion participation points is 15.

Criteria	Under performance <12	Meets 12-12.3	Proficient 12.6-14.2	Distinguished 14.3-15
Initial post to assigned DQ is 250 – 300 words, correctly referenced, and answers what the question is asking.	Point Range: 0-4.5 - Missing initial DQ post* - Initial response is less than 200 words. *0 points for > two days late	Point Range: 4.6-4.9 - Late initial DQ post* - Does not cover the assigned DQ - Initial response is less than 200 words. *1 point deduction for DQ post two days late.	Point Range: 5-5.6 - Late initial DQ post* - Consistent in responding to assigned DQ - At least 250 words *.5 point deduction for DQ post one day late.	Point Range: 5.7-6 - Initial DQ post on time - Post responds to assigned DQ - Initial posts are 250-300 words
Substantive responses associated with the topic/concept which moves the discussion forward.	Point Range: 0-6.1 ≤ 3 additional substantive responses - Responses posted over < 3 separate days - Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day	Points: 6.2 - Late initial DQ response* 4 additional substantive responses - Responses posted over < 3 separate days - Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day *1 point deduction for DQ response two days late.	Point Range: 6.3-7 - Late initial DQ response* 5 additional substantive responses - Responses posted over 3 or more days - Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day *.5-point deduction for DQ response one day late.	Point Range: 7.1-7.5 - Initial DQ response posted on time 6 or more additional substantive responses - Responses posted over 3 or more days - Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day
APA formatting of references and citations.	Points: 0 - References/citations for posts - Missing - Greater than 5 years old - From non-authoritative sources > 4 different APA errors - Substantive responses not referenced	Points: 1.2 - References/citations: > 3 different APA errors - Substantive responses not referenced	Point Range: 1.3-1.4 - References/citations: 2-3 different APA errors - At least one substantive response referenced	Points: 1.5 - References/citations: 0-1 APA errors - At least one substantive response referenced