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
3. **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: 0-4.7** • Initial post is less than 200 words. • Quality &/or quantity of references poor **3 point deduction for > two days late or missing**	**Point Range: 4.8** • Does not cover the assigned DQ • Initial post is less than 200 words. • Quality &/or quantity of references adequate . **2 point deduction for 2 days late**	**Point Range: 4.9.-5.5** • Does not cover the assigned DQ in its entirety • At least 250 words • Appropriate quality &/or quantity of references **1 point deduction for 1 day late**	**Point Range: 5.6-5.8** • Post responds to assigned DQ in its entirety • Initial post(s) are 250-300 words • Appropriate quality &/or quantity of references

Substantive responses associated with the topic/concept which moves the discussion forward	**Point Range: 0-5.9**
	
	• ≤ 3 additional substantive responses
	• Responses posted
	  o Over less than 3 - separate days
	  o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day
	
	Response posts are not appropriately referenced
	
	3 point deduction for response if > two days late or missing
		Points: 6.0
		
		• 4 additional substantive responses
		• Responses posted
		  o Over 3 or more days
		  o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day
		
		Response posts are appropriately referenced
		
		2 point deduction for response if 2 days late
			Point Range: 6.1-6.9
			
			• 5 additional substantive responses
			• Responses posted
			  o Over 3 or more days
			  o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day
			
			Response posts are appropriately referenced
			
			1 point deduction for response if 1 day late
				Point Range: 7.0-7.2
				
				• 6 or more additional substantive responses
				• Responses posted
				  o Over 3 or more days
				  o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day
				
				Response posts are appropriately referenced

APA formatting of references and citations.	**Points: 0-1.1**
	
	• References/citations for posts
	  o Missing
	  o Greater than 5 years old
	  o From non-authoritative sources
		Points: 1.2
		
		• References/citations format with > 3 different APA errors
		
		References ≤ 5 years old
		
		Some reference errors
			Point Range: 1.3-1.5
			
			• References/citations format with 2-3 different APA errors
			
			References ≤ 5 years or old
			
			Reference errors corrected
				Points: 1.6-2
				
				• References/citations format with 0-1 different APA errors
				
				References ≤ 5 years or old

Criteria	Under performance <12	Meets 12-12.3	Proficient 12.6-14.2	Distinguished 14.3-15
	o > 4 different APA errors corrected Reference errors not corrected			