

**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 (up to 2 posts per day qualify)

**Grading:** The maximum weekly discussion participation points is 15.

Criteria	Under performance <12	Meets 12-12.3	Proficient 12.6-14.9	Distinguished 15
<p><b>Initial post to assigned DQ is 250 – 300 words, correctly referenced, and answers what the question</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One point deduction for each day late</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Point Range: 0-4.7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial post is less than 200 words.</li> <li>• Quality &amp;/or quantity of references poor</li> </ul>	<p><b>Point Range: 4.8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not cover the assigned DQ</li> <li>• Initial post is less than 200 words.</li> <li>• Quality &amp;/or quantity of references adequate.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Point Range: 4.9-5.7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not cover the assigned DQ in its entirety</li> <li>• At least 250 words</li> <li>• Appropriate quality &amp;/or quantity of references</li> </ul>	<p><b>Point Range: 5.8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post responds to assigned DQ in its entirety</li> <li>• Initial post(s) are 250-300 words</li> <li>• Appropriate quality &amp;/or quantity of references</li> </ul>
<p><b>Substantive responses associated with the topic/concept which moves the discussion forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One point deduction for each day late for initial response</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Point Range: 0-5.9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤ 3 additional substantive responses</li> <li>• Responses posted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Over less than 3 - separate days</li> <li>o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Response posts are not appropriately referenced <b>3 point deduction for response i&gt; two days late or missing</b></p>	<p><b>Points: 6.0</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 additional substantive responses</li> <li>• Responses posted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Over 3 or more days</li> <li>o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Response posts are appropriately referenced <b>2 point deduction for response if 2 days late</b></p>	<p><b>Point Range: 6.1-7.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 additional substantive responses</li> <li>• Responses posted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Over 3 or more days</li> <li>o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Response posts are appropriately referenced <b>1 point deduction for response if 1 day late</b></p>	<p><b>Point Range: 7.2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 or more additional substantive responses</li> <li>• Responses posted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Over 3 or more days</li> <li>o Maximum posts for consideration are two on one day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Response posts are appropriately referenced</p>
<p><b>APA formatting of references and citations</b></p>	<p><b>Points: 0-1.1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References/citations for posts                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Missing</li> <li>o &gt; 5 years old</li> <li>o From non-authoritative sources</li> <li>o &gt; 4 different APA errors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Reference errors not corrected</p>	<p><b>Points: 1.2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References/citations format with &gt; 3 different APA errors</li> </ul> <p>References ≤ 5 years old</p> <p>Some reference errors corrected</p>	<p><b>Point Range: 1.3-1.9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References/citations format with 2-3 different APA errors</li> </ul> <p>References ≤ 5 years or old</p> <p>Reference errors corrected</p>	<p><b>Points: 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References/citations format with 0-1 different APA errors</li> </ul> <p>References ≤ 5 years or old</p>