

Requirements:**1. Initial post for DQ assigned**

- posted by 1159 PM ET Tuesday
- Current authoritative response with APA formatting for references and citations
- must be 250-300 words
- answers the assigned DQ

2. Substantive responses

- Two responses to be posted by 1159 PM ET Thursday
- must be 100-120 words
- related to the concept/content
- moves the discussion forward with appropriate responses referenced
- 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
Initial post to assigned DQ is 250 – 300 words, correctly referenced, and answers what the question • One point deduction for each day late	Point Range: 0-4.7 • Initial post is less than 200 words. • Quality &/or quantity of references poor	Point Range: 4.8 • Does not cover the assigned DQ • Initial post is less than 200 words. • Quality &/or quantity of references adequate.	Point Range: 4.9-5.7 • Does not cover the assigned DQ in its entirety • At least 250 words • Appropriate quality &/or quantity of references	Point Range: 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 • One point deduction for each day late for initial response	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 i> 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: 6.1-7.1 • 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: 7.2 • 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 > 5 years old o From non-authoritative sources o > 4 different APA errors Reference errors not corrected	Points: 1.2 • References/citations format with > 3 different APA errors References ≤ 5 years old Some reference errors corrected	Point Range: 1.3-1.9 • References/citations format with 2-3 different APA errors References ≤ 5 years or old Reference errors corrected	Points: 2 • References/citations format with 0-1 different APA errors References ≤ 5 years or old