Criteria	Level III	Level II	Level I	Not Present
Criteria 1	Level III Max Points: 8 points	Level II Max Points: 6.4 points	Level I Max Points: 4.8 points	Not Present 0 points
Criteria 1: Initial Post Content Quality	● Responds to all parts of the topic(s) with supporting details. ● Post includes original thoughts, opinions, or ideas. ● Post includes support from multiple outside sources and/or course materials if required.	● Responds to all parts of the topic(s). ● Post includes original thoughts, opinions, or ideas. ● Post includes support from one outside source and/or course materials if required.	Any of the following are true: ● Does not respond to all parts of the topic(s). ● Post shows no originality when compared to other responses. ● Post does not include outside sources and/or course materials if required.	No initial post to the topic(s).
Criteria 2	Level III Max Points: 6 points	Level II Max Points: 4.8 points	Level I Max Points: 3.6 points	Not Present 0 points
Criteria 2: Responses to Others and Engagement in Social Learning	● Posts two or more responses to others. ● Two or more responses to others ask follow-up questions or provide additional ideas that expand on the topic.	● Posts two or more responses to others. ● One response to others ask follow-up questions or provide additional ideas that expand on the topic.	Any of the following are true: ● Does not post at least two responses to others. ● Responses to others do not ask follow-up questions or provide additional ideas	No responses or responses do not follow professionalism and netiquette.

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			that expand on the topic.	
Criteria 3	Level III Max Points: 3 points	Level II Max Points: 2.4 points	Level I Max Points: 1.8 points	Not Present 0 points
Criteria 3: Post timeliness and length *(applies to DBs with posted length requirements)	● Provides an initial post by 11:59 p.m ET on Sunday. ● All posts and responses to others meet length requirements (or no length requirement stated).	● Provides an initial post by 11:59 p.m ET on Sunday. Any of the following are true: ● Initial post does not meet the length requirement. ● Responses do not meet length requirements.	Any of the following are true: ● Provides an initial post after Sunday. ● None of the posts meet length requirements.	No posts.
Criteria 4	Level III Max Points: 3 points	Level II Max Points: 2.4 points	Level I Max Points: 1.8 points	Not Present 0 points
Criteria 4: Spelling / Grammar / Formatting / Mechanics	● Displays college-level writing in Standard English free of spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. ● Includes citations when additional sources are used, including title, author,	Any of the following are true: ● Displays college-level writing in Standard English with few spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. ● Citations are included when additional sources are	Any of the following are true: ● Writing includes frequent spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors. ● Citations are included when additional sources are used but only include one or	No posts.

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	publication date, and access type (URL, text information, etc).	used, but any of the following may be incomplete: title, author, publication date, and access type (URL, text information, etc).	two of the following elements: title, author, publication date, and access type (URL, text information, etc).	
Maximum Total Points	20	16	12	0
Minimum Total Points	17	13	1	0