Discussion Requirements

Post a Main Post that answers all discussion questions in an original, well-thought-out manner. Make frequent, informed references to this unit's material. Engage in on-going, productive conversation by responding to a minimum of two classmates or your instructor per discussion topic. Your additional posts should be thoughtful, thorough, and add new information to the discussion. Remember that we will learn more by sharing ideas!

Please note: Material copied directly from references (quotes, summaries, or paraphrases) should make up no more than 10% of the total writing for all written Assignments in this course. All writing in coursework must be your own original work and in your own words.

Be sure to provide appropriate citations, references, and links to any information you use in this discussion. For help with APA citations, refer to the APA Quick Reference under Course Resources.

Refer to the **DB Scoring Guide** provided by your instructor for how you will be scored on the discussion.

Tips for quality participation in the Discussion Board:

- Ask a question or make a comment showing that you are interested in another person's post and encouraging him or her to elaborate.
- Post a resource (a reading, web link, video, quote, etc.) not covered in the syllabus but adding new information or valuable perspectives to the learning.
- Make a comment underscoring the link between two people's posts and make this link explicit in your comment.
- Contribute something that builds on what someone else has posted. Be explicit about the way you are building on the other person's thoughts.
- Include your own experiences or ideas on the topic, supported with references when appropriate.