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# DISCUSSION RUBRIC

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<b>Above Standard</b> <b>7 - 10 points</b>	<b>Below standard</b> <b>0 - 6</b>
<p><b>Initial Posting</b></p> <p>This excellent posting reflected that the student read and understood the assigned material, referring specifically to assigned reading or related research.</p> <p>The posting has a clear purpose: to inform, persuade, or raise an interesting question. It may also provoke conversation or offer an opposing view of the devil's advocate.</p> <p>When appropriate, the posting refers to outside sources in supporting its arguments.</p> <p>The post meets the word requirement of 150 to 350 words and there are no proofing or spelling errors.</p> <p>Post is made early in the assignment period, giving fellow group members plenty of time to reply.</p>	<p><b>Initial Posting</b></p> <p>This posting does not reflect that the student did or understood the reading. This posting could have been made without the student doing any reading or research at all.</p> <p>The posting has no apparent purpose other than meeting the assignment requirement. It does not move the conversation forward or offer a reasoned opposing opinion.</p> <p>The posting fails to make appropriate reference to outside materials in supporting any arguments.</p> <p>There are one or more proofing errors.</p> <p>Post is made at the last minute or late.</p>
<p><b>Replies 3-5</b></p> <p>Replies are substantive and reflect that the student read and thought about the assigned reading and additional sources posted by the person they are replying to.</p> <p>The reply moves the conversation forward or makes a reply to a question asked in response to their own posting.</p> <p>Replies are made over several days rather than all crammed into the due dates.</p>	<p><b>Replies:0-2</b></p> <p>Replies lack substance and do not reflect any reading or thought about the reading or additional sources.</p> <p>The reply does not move the conversation forward or answer a question presented.</p> <p>Postings are made late on the day the assignment is due so that it is difficult for others to respond.</p>