

Blog/Discussion Forum Posts:

An ongoing part of this course will be regular discussion postings. Postings can be a simple text entry/document, but may also be graphics (e.g. mind maps), audio files/podcasts, blogs, videos, etc.

⇒ **Full participation** in a discussion is 1 original post of approximately 200 words & replies to 2 students (each reply approximately 100 words). **Any content beyond 1 post & 2 replies (each approximately 200 words) is NOT REQUIRED.** Remember that your **behaviour** in the discussions is expected to conform with the course-defined Discussion Etiquette

Exceeding Expectations	Mostly	Maybe	Not Meeting Expectations
Opinions and Statements are so thoughtful and interesting that anybody who reads them is drawn to read on and might even be moved to agree without the need for back-up. Example: "Students are shackled by the monolithic nature of schools, making it difficult or impossible to capture the hearts and minds of everyone." (Sigh)			Opinions and Statements lack thoughtfulness. Example of a thoughtless opinion: "The education system sucks." or "Dude! No way!"
Opinions and statements are backed-up with more than enough examples, stories, personal experiences, data... to make arguing against the O&S almost impossible.			Opinions and statements are not really backed-up with examples, stories, personal experience, or much of anything really.
Back-up for the opinions and statements (the examples, stories, personal experiences...) has so much detail & description that that there is very little left to the imagination of the reader.			Back-up for the opinions and statements has very little detail & description , so the reader has to make cognitive leaps to fill in all of the details in his or her head.

Discourse/Comments on Blog Posts & Discussion Board

In this course, discussions occur in the **Discussion Forum** (on Psychology Class Website & on the **Blog Posts** of your peer's Weebly website (E-portfolio).

Expectations	Exceeding	Meeting	Not	Really Not
Responding to others - Content	It is clear by your responses that you fully understood what your peer was saying.	Mostly	Somewhat (about half)	Not at all = 0
Responding to others - Professionalism	Whether you agreed or disagreed, you were very polite (as well as persuasive) in your response. You clearly understood that your comment has become part of your peer's ePortfolio.	Mostly	Somewhat (about half)	Not at all = 0
Comment Content - Connection	Your comment built on what your peer discussed in the post.	Mostly	Somewhat (about half)	Not at all = 0
Comment Content - Opinions	Comments include thoughtful and detailed opinions that demonstrate you have obviously considered the topic to a great extent.	Mostly	Somewhat (about half)	Not at all = 0
Comment Content - Support for Opinions	The opinions in your comment are backed by fully described evidence, examples, facts, stories and/or quotations. All of the evidence and examples are specific and relevant.	Mostly	Somewhat (about half)	Not at all = 0

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