

Each participant will develop and post in the appropriate modules for discussion two short discussion papers related to the content described in the course description and objectives. Each paper will be 6-8 double spaced pages and be based on a journal article or issue of the student's choice. The discussion papers should summarize and analyze the main points put forward by the author(s). Do you agree or disagree with the author, and what is the basis for your position? Exceptional work would include additional research and thoughtful synthesis of the authors' ideas with your ideas.

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## CRITICAL THINKING CRITERIA

### ASSESSMENT

#### Conceptualization

Observes and describes given information (data, ideas, or concepts) in relation to the context of question or assignment.

10%

#### Analysis

Examines given information in a logical and organized manner to determine how ideas are developed and interconnected. Identifies embedded hypotheses, biases, causalities, and conclusions.

50%

#### Synthesis

Incorporates analyses with information or evidence drawn from other resources to connect key concepts in a coherent manner as a base for further application and perspective.

15%

#### Conclusion

Integrates analysis and synthesis to formulate a new perspective or position that is appropriate to the conceptualization of the question or assignment.

15%

#### Implications

Based upon the positions, perspectives or conclusions determine practices or processes and/or the need for further study. 10%