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Rubric for Evaluating Weekly Discussion Postings

Description

Rubric Detail

	Levels of Achievement				
Criteria	1- poor	2- below average	3- average	4- good	5- excellent
Strength of Argument Weight 20.00%	0.00 % -Gives little indication that the reading assignment was completed - Post is not relevant to the module question or discussion	25.00 % - Suggests reading assignment was scanned but not read carefully - Rehashes ideas from other posts - Little support from assigned material for position taken	50.00 % -Relies primarily on summary material and generalizations - Any quotes or citations are poorly integrated	75.00 % -Indicates reading was completed and understood - Concepts and insights were incorporated into responses -Quotes were used to support writer's point	100.00 % - Shows serious contemplation of assigned material - Quotes and citations support writer's point and are properly integrated
Insight Weight 20.00%	0.00 % Post shows a serious lack of understanding of the material	25.00 % Post repeats arguments or ideas from class material but shows serious lack of understanding	50.00 % Post does not show much evidence of original thought or interpretation of the nuances of the material being covered	75.00 % -Thesis, argument and/or interpretation reflect some original thought, but could use more - Quotes are somewhat predictable	100.00 % Creative interpretation of the text that sparks new ideas; takes risks and reflects deep thought and effort
Organization of Answer Weight 20.00%	0.00 % - No thesis statement - Points seem to be listed randomly - No clear introduction or conclusion	25.00 % -Thesis is hard to find or difficult to understand - Internal structure is hard to follow - Significant problems with introduction or conclusion	50.00 % -The thread of the argument is difficult to follow -Introduction or conclusion have problems	75.00 % -Thesis statement is vague or doesn't go with argument - Argument flow need to be improved --One or two problems with introduction or conclusion	100.00 % -Thesis is clear and accurately reflects the main argument of the post -Points are linked in an order that clearly reveals how they work together to support the thesis - Introduction and conclusion go with argument of post
Quality of Prose Weight 20.00%	0.00 % - Contains multiple mechanical errors - Organization is unclear	25.00 % - Post is sloppy - Hard for readers to follow - Lacks proper citations	50.00 % - Frequent awkward sentences/words/phrases -One part of the topic not addressed - Contains citation errors	75.00 % -Minor problems of style (e.g. a few awkward words) - Contains some mechanical errors	100.00 % - Style is clear and articulate - Correct grammar is used - Author's voice comes through well
Engagement with others Weight 20.00%	0.00 % -Ignores other posts in the forum - Does not engage with others	25.00 % -Does not acknowledge other posts - Misrepresents content of other posts	50.00 % -Offers little interaction with other posts in the forum - Mostly summarizes what others have said without adding to the discussion	75.00 % -Shows attention to the posts in the thread - Incorporates and acknowledges ideas of others in attempt to advance the discussion	100.00 % -Shows concerted effort to engage with others - Responds in a way that advances discussion beyond the obvious

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