

Rubric

The weekly discussion has two components, answering the assignment's questions and commenting on at least three of your classmates' answers. The first component is worth two thirds of the assignment's grade and one third goes to your three comments on your classmates' answers. In other words, answering the questions is worth 67 points and commenting on classmates is worth 33 points (11 points for each comment). Here is how your answers and comments are evaluated.

	Insufficient	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Grade	<50	60-70	70-85	85-95	95-100
Use of Evidence to Support Argument	No evidence is used to support an argument.	One piece of evidence is used to support an argument	Two pieces of evidence are used to support an argument.	Three pieces of evidence are used to support an argument.	Four or more pieces of evidence are used to support an argument.
Organization	Organization is not logical or discernable.	Structure is not well-organized or readable. Sequence of ideas is random or confusing. Concepts are disjointed and writing is unclear.	Structure is disorganized but readable. Ideas do not always flow in logical sequence. Concepts are not always cohesive, and writing is confusing.	Structure of the response is organized and readable. Ideas flow in a logical sequence, for the most part. Concepts are generally cohesive.	Structure of the response is well-organized and readable. Ideas flow in a logical sequence. Concepts are cohesive and writing stands together.
Language, mechanics, voice, and style	Response is not written in complete sentences.	Sentences are not well-built. Overall, word choice does not reflect content. Many errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, syntax or semantics are present.	Sentences are confusing occasionally. Often, word choice does not reflect content. Some errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, syntax or semantics are present.	Sentences are clear with minimal confusion. Word choice reflects content adequately. Few errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, syntax or semantics are present.	Sentences are fluent and well-built. Word choice reflects the content effectively. Minimal, if any, errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, syntax or semantics are present.