**Discussion Board Thread Grading Rubric**

| **Criteria** | **Levels of Achievement** |
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| **Content** | **Advanced** | **Proficient** | **Developing** | **Not Present** | **Points Earned** |
| **Word Count****15 pts.** | **14 or 15 points**Word count is between 500 and 600 words. | **11 to 13 points**Word count exceeds 600 words. | **1 to 10 points**Word count is less than 500 words. | **0 points**Not present |  |
| **Style****10 pts.** | **9 or 10 points**All required components of the prompt are answered in a manner that is objective, rationally argued, and not overly emotional; major points are supported by thoughtful reasoning and good examples. | **7 or 8 points**All required components of the prompt are answered in a manner that aims at objective and dispassionate rationality, even if it doesn’t perfectly achieve this goal; a sincere attempt is made to support the major points with thoughtful reasoning and good examples. | **1 to 6 points**Most required components of the prompt are answered in a manner that is sometimes insufficiently objective, dispassionate, and/or logical; major points are insufficiently supported by arguments and/or examples. | **0 points**The required components of the prompt are not answered.  |  |
| **Understanding****10 pts.** | **9 or 10 points**Post utilizes many of the concepts and technical vocabulary taught in the class in a manner that demonstrates accurate understanding. | **6 to 8 points**Post utilizes some of the concepts and technical vocabulary taught in the class in a manner that demonstrates accurate understanding. | **1 to 5 points**Post utilizes some of the concepts and technical vocabulary taught in the class but sometimes in ways that suggest that they are not correctly understood. | **0 points**Post does not utilize the concepts and technical vocabulary taught in the class. |  |
| **Structure** | **Advanced** | **Proficient** | **Developing** | **Not Present** | **Points Earned** |
| **Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar****10 pts.** | **9 or 10 points**Post is written in paragraph form and is devoid of spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors. | **7 or 8 points**Post is not written in paragraph form and/or has occasional spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors. | **1 to 6 points**Post is not written in paragraph form and has numerous spelling, punctuation, and grammar problems. | **0 points**Not present |  |
| **Turabian formatting****5 pts.** | **5 points**Direct references and/or allusions to outside resources (such as the textbooks) are present and are cited using footnotes in current Turabian format. | **4 points**Direct references and/or allusions to outside resources (such as the textbooks) are present but are cited otherwise than using footnotes in current Turabian format. | **1 to 3 points**Direct references and/or allusions to outside resources (such as the textbooks) are present but the sources are not cited. (Note: if plagiarism is present, that requires additional corrective action.) | **0 points**No direct references and/or allusions to outside resources are present. |  |
| **Total** | **/50** |
| **Instructor's Comments:** |