



	Great Conversationalist <i>"I contribute to the posts with thought-provoking ideas that encourage more discussion."</i>	Conversationalist <i>"I contribute to the posts with new ideas."</i>	Followers <i>"I can contribute to the posts but don't add many new ideas."</i>	Lurkers <i>"I read the posts but don't like to contribute."</i>
Initial Post Content	Post information in response to the prompt -Identifies and explains three or more key issues -Thoughts are effectively organized	Post information in response to the prompt -Identifies or explains two or three key issues -Thoughts are mostly organized	Post information in response to the prompt -Identifies or explains one key issue -Thoughts are somewhat organized.	Post information in response to the prompt - no key issues identified or explained - thoughts are not organized.
Follow-Up Posts	Follow-up post: -three or more detailed responses to others -contributions elaborate on discussion with further comment or observation.	Follow-up post: -two or three satisfactory responses to others	Follow-up post: -one brief responses to others	Follow-up posts: -no response to others
Connections and Inferences	Posts are consistently -connected and relevant to the content -a trigger to advance discussion -supported using relevant evidence from the text/personal experience/other posts – use a direct quote	Posts are frequently – connected and relevant to the content -a trigger to advance discussion -supported using relevant evidence from the text/personal experience/other posts	Posts are occasionally -connected and relevant to the content -supported using some evidence from the text/personal experience/other posts	Posts are rarely -connected and relevant to the content - supported using evidence from the text/personal experience/other posts
Conventions (Spelling, Grammar, Mechanics)	Highly effective in area of conventions	Effective in the area of conventions.	Somewhat effective in the area of conventions.	Minimally effective in the area of conventions.
Respectful Conversation	Responses consistently show respect and interest in the viewpoints of others.	Most responses show respect and interest in the viewpoints of others.	Some responses show respect and interest in the viewpoints of others.	Response shows disrespect for the viewpoints of others.