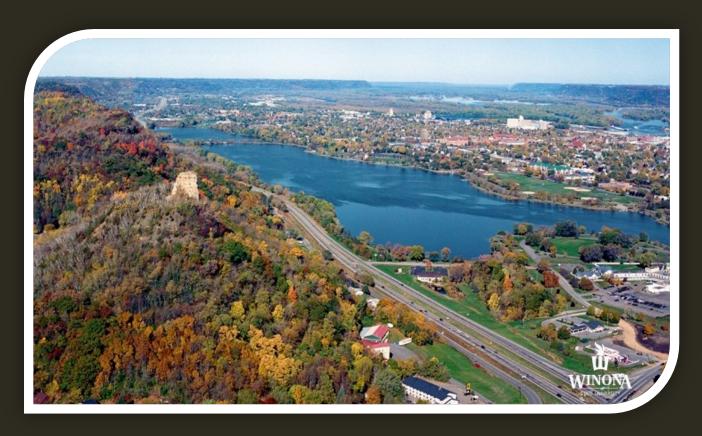
# CREATING MULTI-MEDIA DISCUSSION BOARDS TO INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT *E-LEARNING 2018*

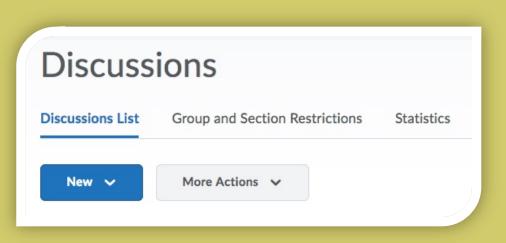
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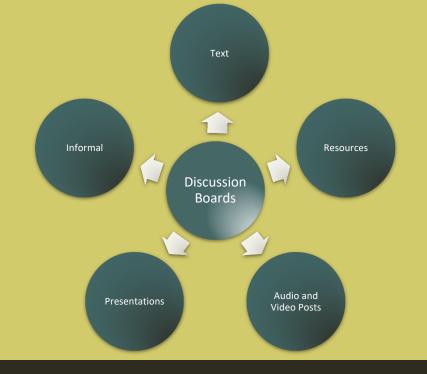
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# TYPES OF DISCUSSION BOARDS

## INITIAL AND RESPONSE POST

- Clearly define the expectations for the initial and response post
- Describe purpose of discussion
- Provide examples of posts (model)

1.) Initial Post: You will share your observations in a post to your small group.

Describe in detail the situation you observed. (NOTE: You have only observed this group for a short period of time so you may not have all the information. Include as many items as possible to clearly describe the interaction you observed)

In your post include items such as the type of group, the people, the events, the setting, the group structure, or the processes. In your post also indicate which stage you believe this group is in and why. Also identify any roles you believe are present in this group.

2.) Response Posts: Next ask at least 1 follow up question to another classmate's post.

Questions should be related to the course content and strive to further the conversation. You are responsible for responding to the questions asked by the instructor and your classmates. Use your observations to answer these questions to the best of your ability.

Example of a Follow-up Question: What actions do you believe need to occur in order for this particular group to move to the "Performing" stage? What barriers seem to be present?

Start a New Thread



## INSTRUCTOR PRESENCE

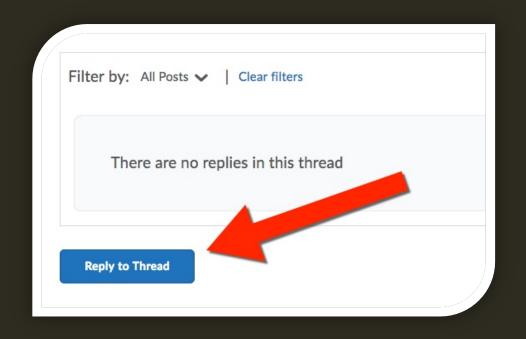
What role do you play?

## INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK

 Respond to individual posts or threads. Can be viewed by the individual and class.

#### • Comment as a peer :

- OShare an article
- oWebsite
- oEmoji
- OAsk a question
- oConnect student's post to one another



## SUMMARY FEEDBACK

"Wrap-up" post

"Best of Comments"

"Correct Answers" post

OPin thread at top of discussion forum



After reading your posts I noticed many of you identified Lynda.com as a useful resource. I want to remind you that Lynda is available to you throughout the program and can be used for a variety of things. Some companies even purchase Lynda.com accounts for their employees as a form of professional development. This resource is available to you for free as a WSU student. I encourage you to take advantage of this resource and explore the library to find other topics that can help you in your career.

In this course, we primarily use Lynda for software training but Lynda's library has thousands of courses on a wide range of topics. I often find myself getting lost browsing the database. Here are a few courses you might be interested in that focus on topics other than software training. Also, many of the courses in Lynda.com offer certificates that can be linked to your LinkedIn account.

- Project Management Simplified
- Time Management Fundamentals
- Interview Techniques
- Public Speaking

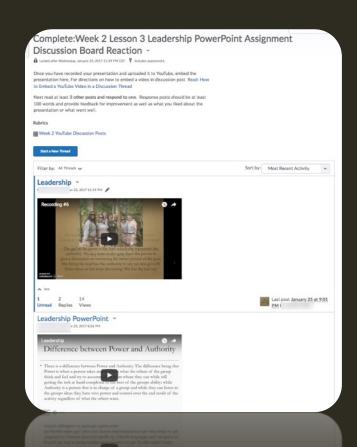




## MULTI-MEDIA POSTS

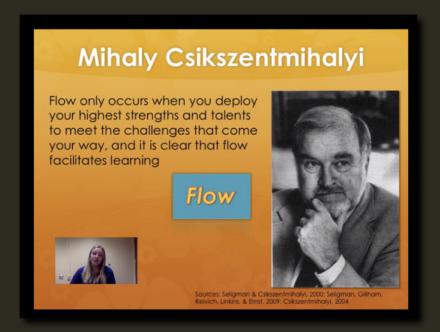
## VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation Expectations
   (web camera on, PowerPoint, etc.)
- •Embed video on the discussion board (Others can view, comment, provided feedback, ask questions, etc.)



## VIDEO EXAMPLES

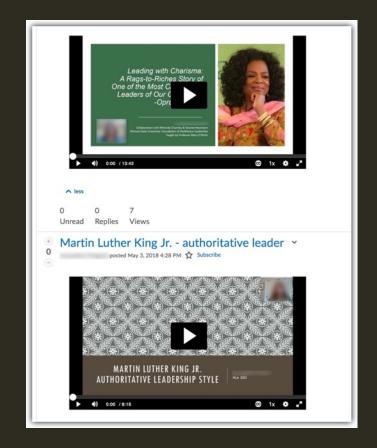




## RESPONSE POST

## **Options:**

- Ask questions
- o1 positive, 1 area for improvement
- Something they learned





## ICE BREAKERS

## BEFORE, AFTER AND DURING

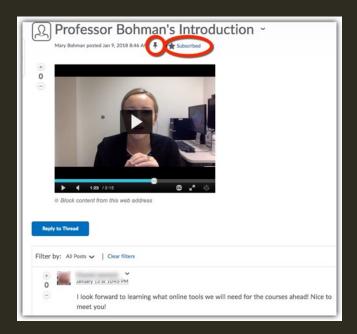
#### Icebreaker ~

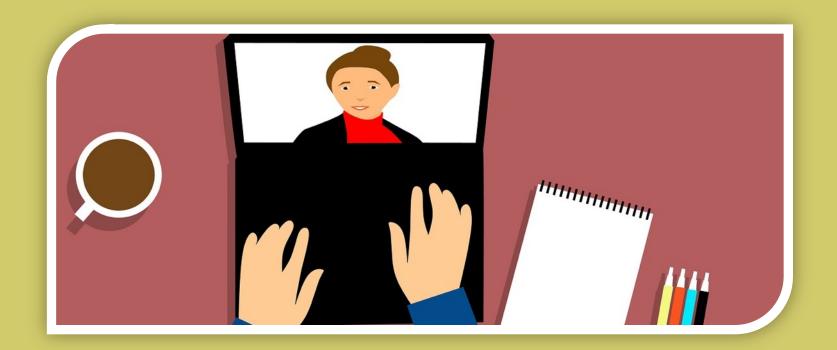
Please use this forum to introduce yourself to your classmates by answering each of the questions in the topics below. Next read 1- posts and respond to two people in each topic.

	Topic	Threads	Posts	Last Post
1	Current Skills   What skills and knowledge related to the course topics do you currently	0	0	
	have? Want to Learn    V	0	0	
2	What do you want to learn during this course?		Ü	
3	Your Success   How will you determine whether this course has been successful for	0	0	
	you?			

## VIDEO INTRODUCTION

- Instructor & students record intro videos
- Example: Video could include...
  - Name
  - Hometown
  - Education background
  - Current Career
  - Favorite course you have taken and why
  - What you hope to learn from this course or program
  - One interesting fact about yourself

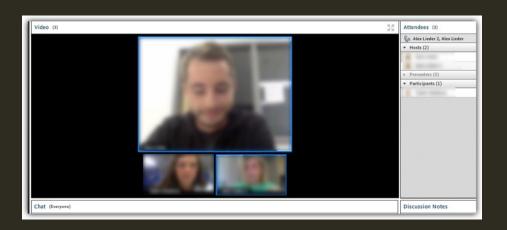




# RECORDING OF VIRTUAL DISCUSSION

How do you bring in synchronous discussion?

## VIRTUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

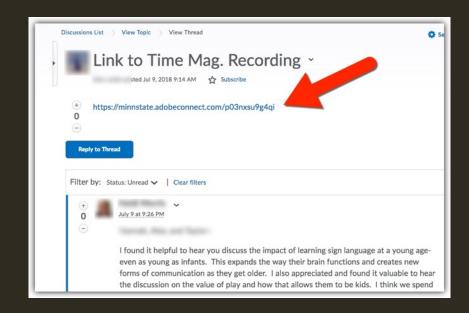


- 1) Select topic
- 2) Create clear expectations
  - Camera on
  - Time limit
  - Agenda
  - Roles
- Provide technical support hosting information

# VIRTUAL MEETING DISCUSSION BOARD

#### **Activity Steps:**

- 1. Student joins small group
- 2. Provided discussion prompts, expectations and roles
- 3. Record discussion
- 4. Post on course discussion board
- 5. Watch one other group's recorded discussion and leave a text response





## HOT SEAT

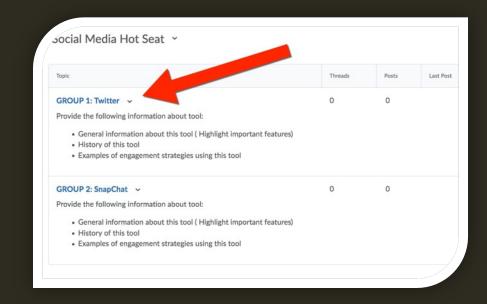
Long or Short Discussion Board

## HOT SEAT DISCUSSION BOARD

- Alternative to a group presentation or paper
- 1. Divide into small groups. Each group gets a topic, theme or issue.
- Groups research their assigned topic and put together a summary they post on a Discussion Board. Posting the summary will start the discussion (*Images, links, etc.*)
- 3. Group responds to questions for their topic.

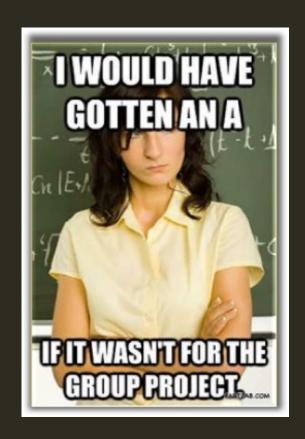
### HOT SEAT IDEAS

- Textbook Readings
- Study activity for mid-term & final exam
- Main topics in the course
- Introduction to topics before the module to gauge what students already know



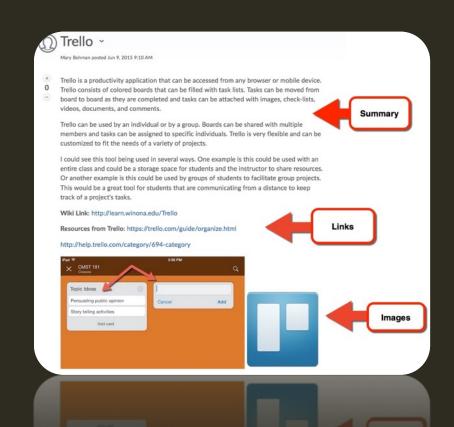
## **GRADING HOT SEAT**

- The Summary Group Grade
- Each person responses to at least two questions asked of the group
  - Graded Individually
- Each person poses questions to the other groups - Graded Individually



## HOT SEAT INDIVIDUALS

- 1. Self select a topic of interest
- 2. Gather resources (*Images, links, etc.*)
- 3. Share post
- 4. Respond to questions related to their topic
- 5. Post questions to other topics listed on the board





# DISCUSSION BOARDS WITH APPLICATION

### CHANGING MY APPROACH

Module 1: Social Media ~

Topic

#### Compare and Contrast Social and Traditional Media

After reading the articles for this week please draft a post to answer the following questions:

- 1. Compare and contrast the difference between social media and traditional media. What makes them different? What makes them the same? How does your company/organization leverage both to build an effective marketing plan? How have you seen other companies/organizations use both for marketing? In your post please provide two narrative summaries or examples.
- What ways or techniques is your company or other companies integrating social media channels together and social media with traditional media? In your post please provide two narrative summaries or examples.

# EMAIL & PITCH TO YOUR BOSS - APPLICATION

- 1. Read the scenario
- 2. Email to Your Boss
- 3. Presentation for Your Boss
- 4. Post your email and video on the discussion board
- 5. Review at least two other posts and respond

#### Topic

#### Pitch to Your Boss \*

Week 1 Scenario: Pitch to Your Boss

In this scenario, you are the new Social Media Manager for a sandwich company named "Maple Grove Subs". This position was recently created and you have been on the job for about two months. The company is located about 20-minutes west of the Twin Cities in Minnesota. There are two other sandwich chains in the area which include Subway and Jimmy Johns. Maple Grove Subs is a smaller shop but has comparable pricing, products and offerings. They offer in-store and drive up purchasing as well as delivery. Their competition does not offer delivery.

Your boss the Executive of Adverting, Todd Stephens, does not think social media is a viable source of advertising and promotion. He is a little "old school" when it comes to marketing and thinks traditional media is the only media needed to reach customers. He invests much of the advertising budget on radio, television and print media. Maple Grove Subs started a Facebook fan page about three months ado but only posts once or twice a month. Customer are using this page to post pictures and positive and negative feedback. There are about four to five User-Generated Content posts a month.

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# STRUCTURED DISCUSSION DEBATE

Longer assignment

### STRUCTURED DEBATE

#### **Time/Directions**

- 6 days or 2 weeks
- Select an issue that has two perspectives that can be debated...a pro versus con.
- Create teams of 2-4 students, assign teams a position on the issue and match the teams for the debate

#### **Faculty Role**

- Faculty will monitor the discussion the duration of the debate.
- Only chime in if the teams are not answer the challenging questions.
- After day 6, summarize the "best of comments" and declare a winner



### TO FIRE OR NOT TO FIRE....

**POST 1:Pro Team** 

 Pro team posts on why the employee should have been fired **POST 2: Con Team** 

- Con team posts why the employee should not have been fired
- Ask 5 challenging questions

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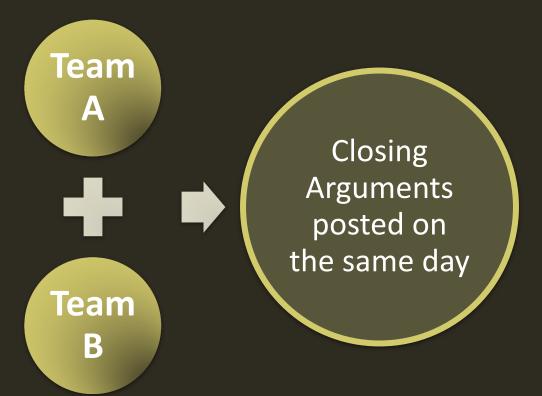
### **POST 3: Pro Team**

- Pro team response to the opponent's challenge questions
- Ask 5 challenging questions to opponent

POST 4:Con Team

 Con team responses to opponent's challenges questions

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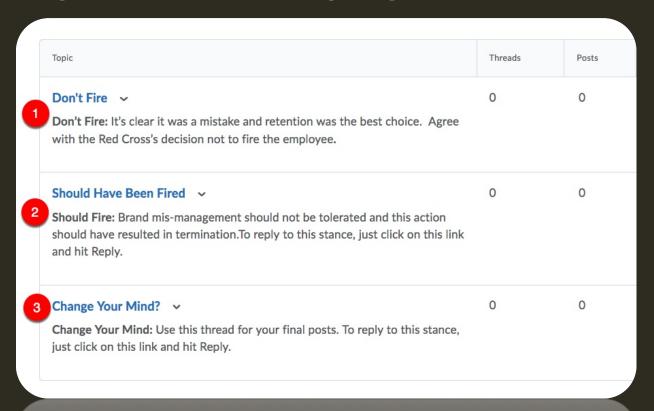


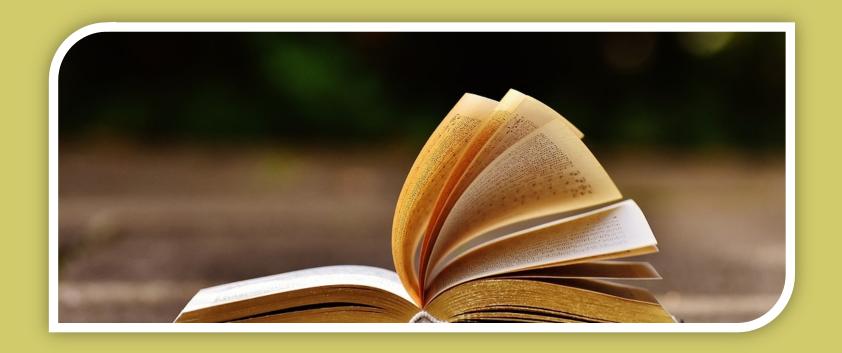


## AGREE OR DISAGREE

**Short Discussion** 

## D2L AGREE AND DISAGREE

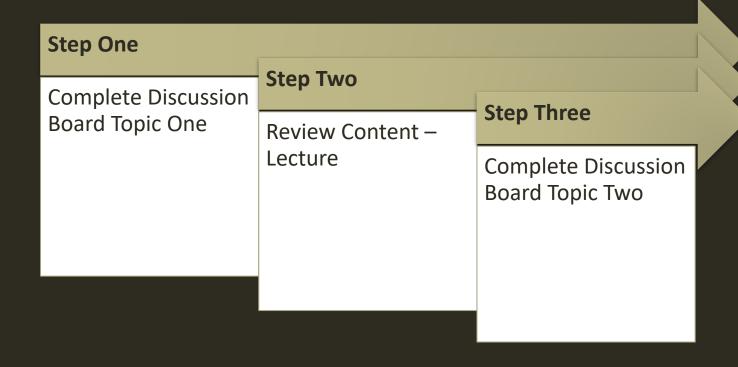




# STORY REVEAL DISCUSSION BOARDS

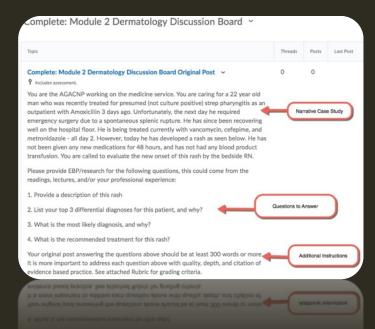
**Release Conditions** 

## STUDENT PATHWAY



## STORY REVEAL DISCUSSION

## **Step One:** Create your Scenario for Discussion Topic One

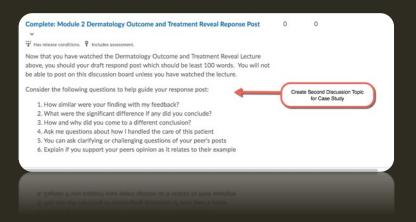


## **Step Two:** Release Conditions on Instructional Materials



## STORY REVEAL DISCUSSION

**Step Three:** Create Questions for Discussion Topic Two



**Step Four:** Release Condition on Discussion Topic



# ANY QUESTIONS?