



Discussion Forums



asynchronous moderated online message board

Use an online discussion forum in place of a face-to-face discussion, debate, role play, fishbowl, jigsaw, think-pair-share, info gap, piece the puzzle or poster sessions, gallery walks, and posting presentations



Do

Don't

Moderate to engage critical thinking

- Prompt
- Probe
- Clarify
- Elaborate

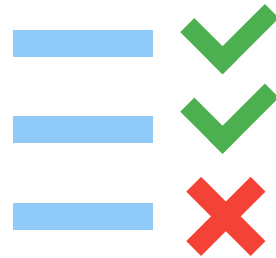


Use as a homework check
Use closed-ended questions

- Agreement
- Summarize

Encourage multimedia

- Video
- Audio
- Image
- Files
- Weblinks
- Embed media



Set standards for language

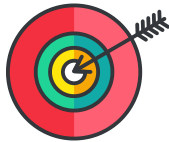
- Formality, chat lingo, emoticons
- Length and number of posts

Allow bullying

- Profanity
- Flaming (angry post wars)
- Trolling (instigating flame wars)
- Lurking



Use strength-based questions
Redirect posts on target



Challenge posts



Provide criteria and feedback

- Use rubrics
- Use grades
- Set up rate posts (5-star, up, down)
- Must post before reply
- Moderate posts before displaying



Allow anonymous posts



SLATE Help - Discussions

<https://ltsa.sheridancollege.ca/learning-technology-portal/collaboration/discussions/>

SLATE Help - Rubrics

<https://ltsa.sheridancollege.ca/learning-technology-portal/assessment/rubrics/>