

English Composition I
Grading Rubric for Discussion Board (DB) Response and Participation

DB Response worth 30 points each

Criteria	Full Credit	Partial Credit	Half Credit	No Credit
<i>Initial Response (worth 10 pts)</i>	Student interpretation and evidence provided in initial response shows a thorough level of consideration and contemplation about literary themes and author intention. Response displays evidence that student thoroughly read the related assignment reading.	Student interpretation and evidence provided in initial response shows surface level consideration and contemplation about literary themes and author intention. Evidence provided in response does not fully support student interpretation.	Response displays evidence that student did not complete related reading, read too quickly, or read without thorough consideration.	Student did not post a response, or response posted 2 or more days after the deadline.
<i>Replies (worth 5 pts)</i>	Most replies and discussion provide alternative interpretation, probing questions, or additional resources that add to the initial response or continuing discussion. Student appears open to differing points of view and maintains a respectful tone and use of language. Replies posted by the deadline.	Some replies provide some interpretive, probing or additional information that adds to the initial response or continuing discussion. Student appears open to differing points of view and maintains a respectful tone and use of language.	Student replies and discussion do not add any additional content to the initial response nor continuing discussion. Replies display evidence that student did not thoroughly complete related reading. Student appears unwilling to consider differing points of view and/or uses language that shuts down the conversation more than continue it.	Student replies displayed evidence that student did not complete related reading. Student did not post any replies and/or replies were posted 2 or more days after the deadline.
<i>Participation and Deadline (worth 5 pts)</i>	Response posted early to facilitate discussion. Replies to peer and initial post done promptly to continue discussion.	Response posted within last two hours of deadline. Most replies to peer and initial post done within last two hours of deadline.	Response posted within 24 hours of deadline. Most replies to peer and initial post done 24-48 hours after deadline.	Response posted 2 or more days after the deadline or not at all. Most replies to peer and initial post were posted 2 or more days after the deadline or not at all.