

Online Discussions Guidelines and Grading

From time to time this year, students will be participating in an online discussion forum. This forum will serve as a classroom community to share analysis of text, reading reflections, and commentary regarding our thematic units' essential questions. This presents students with a unique opportunity, as they are able to interact and discuss with students in a different section of AP Lit beyond their own. Entries will vary, but on average, most should be **one college-level paragraph in length**. For each prompt, you should write your own response and then respond to two other classmate's posts. When responding to other classmates' posts, several sentences in length should suffice, unless you wish to comment more extensively. I encourage intellectual debate and disagreement; however, please remember to be considerate and polite. Your posts should never be sardonic or condescending. An important part of college life will be learning how to respectfully disagree with viewpoints drastically different from your own.

You will be awarded a maximum of 30 points for each originally submitted post and for two responses to a peer's post. You will be graded on the following criteria:

1. Thoughtfully and critically answering the prompt to the respective post -- 20 points
2. Responding seriously, appropriately, and critically to two other's posts -- 10 points

Your level of engagement--not the length of your post--will determine the points awarded. The point of having an online discussion forum is to have everyone in the class contribute; therefore, if you miss the deadline for a discussion posting, you may NOT make it up for late credit.

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