**Discussion Grading Rubric**

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|  | **Exceptional  (A)** | **Above Average (B)** | **Average (C)** | **Below Average (D)** | **Failing (F)** |
| **Deadline** | 2 or more entries submitted before deadline. | 2 (or more) entries before deadline. | 2 (or more) entries before deadline | 1 entry before deadline. | No entry or submitted past the due date. |
| **Depth of Answer** | About 250 words.  Question answered completely and all aspects of the topic were addressed thoroughly. | About 200-250 words.  Question answered completely and all aspects of the topic were addressed satisfactorily. | About 200-250 words.  The student addressed most of the question satisfactorily. | Less than 200 words.  The answer was incomplete | Less than 200 words.  No entry or submitted past the due date. |
| **Evidence of Reading & Research** | Demonstrates critical thinking skills and comprehension.  Cited 3 or more sociological journal references. | Demonstrates some critical thinking and comprehension.  Cited 3 sociological journal references. | Demonstrates comprehension.  Cited 2 sociological journal reference. | Fails to demonstrate comprehension of assigned reading nor cited academic references. | No evidence of reading or research.  No entry or submitted past the due date. |
| **Grammar and Spelling** | No errors.  Follows ASA style guide. | One error.  Follows ASA style guide. | 2-4 errors.  Follows ASA style guide. | 5-7 errors.  Does not follow academic style guide. | 8 or more errors.  No entry or submitted past the due date. |