

## **DISCUSSION EXPECTATIONS**

One or two times a month, you will be required to participate in our on-line discussion. Your postings will be evaluated using the rubric on the back of this page. Links to our discussions are posted on my website under "FCS Major Class Discussions".

### **Initial Posting**

Your response to my original post for this discussion topic should meet the expectations below:

- **Timeliness:** in order to earn a "4", you have approximately one week to make your initial posting.
- **Quality:** Your initial posting must be in complete sentences using proper conventions (spelling, punctuation, & grammar).
- **Thoughtfulness:** Your initial posting should clearly demonstrate that you have put time and thought into your response.
- **Quantity:** Your initial posting should be a minimum of 100 words.
- You must identify yourself by first name, last initial, and class period so you receive the credit you deserve.

### **Reply Postings**

Replies to your classmates' postings should meet the expectations below:

- **Timeliness:** in order to earn a "4", you have one week after the due date of your initial posting to make your replies.
- **Quality:** Your replies must be in complete sentences using proper conventions (spelling, punctuation, & grammar).
- **Thoughtfulness:** Your replies should clearly demonstrate that you have put time and thought into your response.
- **Length:** Your replies should be a minimum of 50 words. You should reply to a minimum of three postings by your classmates with no more than two on the same day.
- **Respectfulness:** All replies must be positive and respectful.
- You must identify yourself by first name, last initial, and class period.

### **Other Important Notes:**

- Discussion topics will only remain open for three weeks.
- If you have computer access problems, you are welcome to use the student computers in this room or request a pass to the library.
- Don't wait until the last minute. Websites can experience problems from time to time. If you waited until the last minute and the site is down, this is not an excuse as you have had three weeks.
- All due dates will be posted on my class calendar.
- Use of our discussion is only for the FCS Major.
- If you would like to open a topic for discussion, you must have the topic approved by me ahead of time.
  - In this case, grades will not be given for the discussion, but it will surely impact work ethic grades.