BEST PRACTICE TEMPLATE FOR INITIAL POST

- Initial post is exceptionally substantive and memorable while demonstrating an exceptional understanding of the topic.
- Demonstrates critical thinking about the topic within the initial response.
- Uses personal/professional examples demonstrating application of principles.
- Relevant research, links or other outside information from multiple scholarly sources is incorporated.
- External sources are properly cited in AP style.

Note: To reply to someone else's post students must scroll to the bottom of the page.

Tagging
Tagging a classmate is optional but can be done if replying to another student's post.

Thread Title
Short, 3-4 word title that gives reader a hint at what your post is about.

Content
Research the topic and organize your thoughts into clearly written content. Make sure each part of the prompt is addressed. Be sure to proof for grammar and spelling.

STUDENT
Create Post

Subject (required)

Tag Classmates (optional)

Format Alignment A ∂ Σ

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Drop files or click to browse

Flag as Question for the Teacher
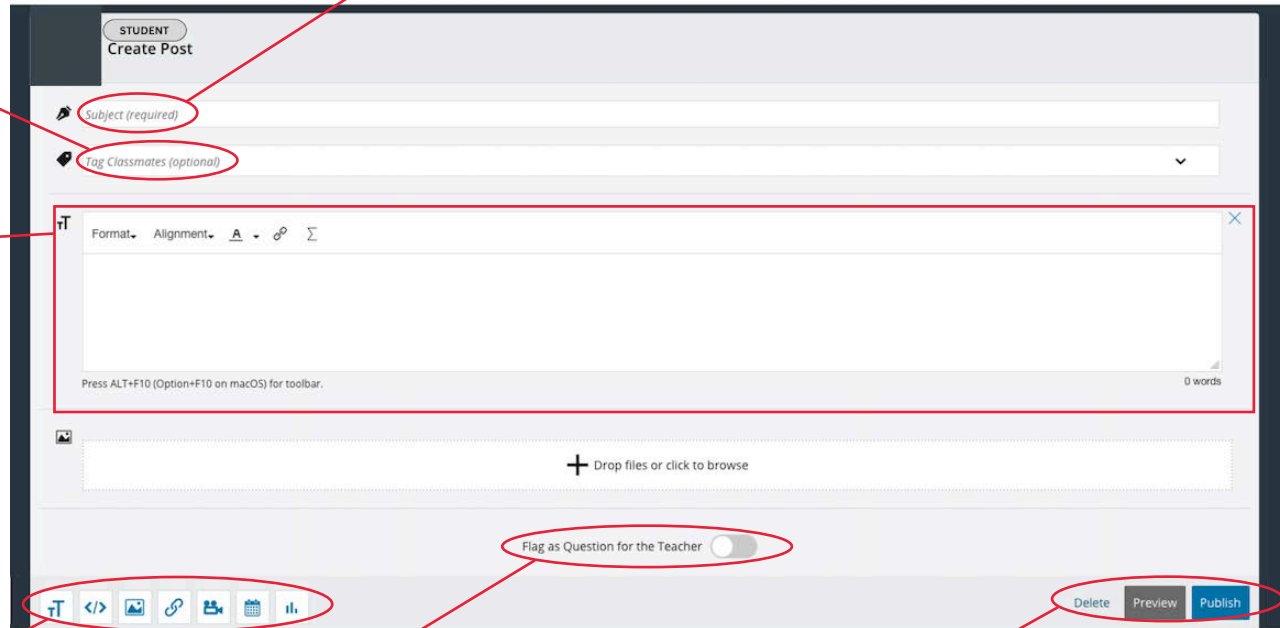
Delete   Preview   Publish

Images/Video
Instead of describing something visual, place an image or a video using the image or video icons.

Questions
Students can flag their posts as questions for the instructor if they need additional assistance or have a question they need answered.

Publish
After the post is completed, students can publish, preview or delete their content.

Citations/References
Back up your statements with 3rd party sources such as course readings or other research you have done. Be sure to include in-text citations and a reference list for additional sources. For each in-text citation, list the APA style references in alphabetical order at the end of the post.

Example Reference

Last Name, First initial. (Year). Title. Publication Name, Volume Number (Issue number), from www.link-here.com **or** DOI

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Kohring, M., & Matthes, J. (2007). Trust in News Media. Communication Research, 34(2), 231-252. doi:10.1177/0093650206298071

BEST PRACTICE TEMPLATE FOR A RESPONSE TO CLASSMATE

- Student exceeds the minimum number of required discussion responses; posts are substantive and memorable while demonstrating an exceptional understanding of the topic and continuing to build on classmates' posts.
- New threads of related discussion and/or provides relevant articles, links or other outside information from multiple scholarly sources are introduced by the student.
- Responses are characterized by a minimum of three of the following attributes: a) thought-provoking, b) supportive, c) challenging and d) reflective.
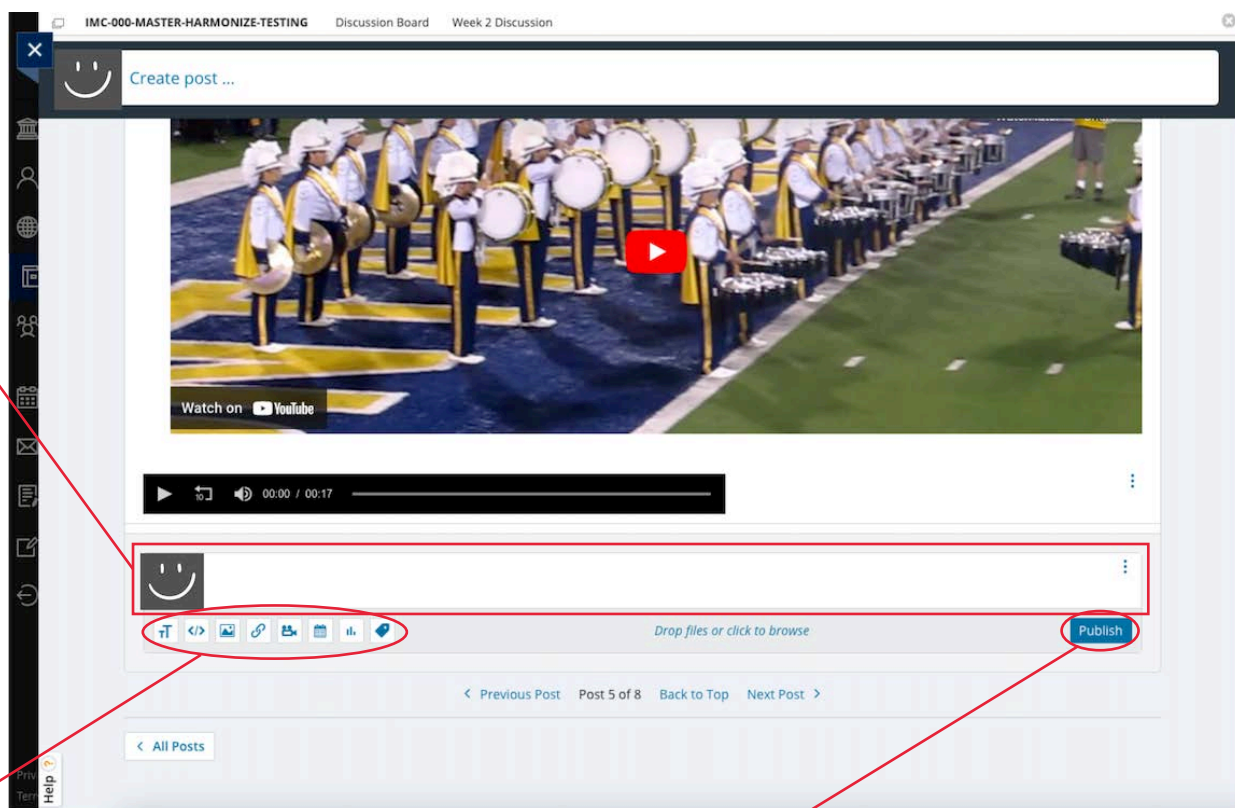- External sources are properly cited in APA style.

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Initial Thoughts
Set up your point of view with an overview of your thoughts on what the author wrote. This should reflect a critical view to show your understanding of the topic.

Back Up Your Thoughts
Research one of your points and add relative supportive info from 3rd party sources. Be sure to include in-text citations and references used.

Images/Video
Show a video, chart or infographic that explains your research visually.

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