

Participating in a Discussion Board



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The discussion board is a communication tool that allows students and the instructor to discuss and exchange ideas centered on a specific topic. In a discussion forum, you will view, create, and reply to messages. Participation in a forum is oftentimes a graded activity in a course.

Please remember to use correct grammar and spelling in a discussion board and follow the [7 essential rules of netiquette](#).

HOW TO ACCESS A DISCUSSION FORUM

Students can view and participate in forums by clicking a discussion board link in the course's main menu OR through forum links placed within course content.

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Week 2

Poe Discussion 1

Click this link to access this week's forum. To earn 5 participation points in this following:

- Submit one (1) original response to the following question: In many of Poe's stories, the more suggestive than revolting, is this psychological approach more or less a statement with evidence from this week's readings and provide citation.
- Read at least two threads posted by classmates. Do you agree with their feedback or constructive criticism. Support your views with evidence and references.

The discussion board page will list all available *forum links*¹ and instructions provided by the instructor. Click on a forum link to view a forum.

Discussion Board

FORUM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL POSTS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLY
Welcome to Class Introductions	To earn 5 participation points this week, you must do the following:	7	7	0

ADDING A THREAD TO A FORUM

If your instructor allows you to create your own threads in the forum, you will see a *Create Thread* button at the top of the forum page.

1. Click the **CREATE THREAD** button.

Forum: Poe Discussion 1

In a thread, you can view the post and information about it, such as the author and posted date. All replies appear on the same page with the parent post. [More Help](#)

Create Thread Grading Information Subscribe Search Discover Content Display

¹ If you do not see the forum to which you want to contribute, contact your instructor immediately.

- Complete the Message form that appears². To publish the thread, click the form's **SUBMIT** button.

- If you are successful, you will see the published thread has been added to the forum.

DATE	THREAD	AUTHOR	STATUS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL POSTS
7/26/18 9:05 AM	The Fall of the House of Usher	Sally Spacebar	Published	0	0	1
6/4/18 8:13 AM	Stories	Brett Bracket	Published	0	0	3

VIEWING AND REPLYING TO A THREAD IN A FORUM

- When viewing a forum, click on the title of a thread.
- Read the thread. Then, click the **REPLY** button.

DATE	THREAD	AUTHOR	STATUS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL POSTS
6/4/18 8:13 AM	Stories	Brett Bracket	Published	2	0	2

Brett Bracket
Stories

One of the fantastic elements in "The Black Cat" is the existence of the second cat—with the changing shape of its white fur and its appearance on the corpse behind the wall. These plot twists challenge reality, but they do not completely substitute a supernatural explanation for a logical one. It is possible that the plot twists derive only from the insanity of the narrator. As a result, the plot twists, like the fantastic, hover between the real and the supernatural. The resolution of the story is both rationally possible and tremendously unlikely; the cat could inhabit the basement walls, but it is difficult to believe that it would remain silently in the wall for a long time or go unnoticed by the overly meticulous narrator.

[Reply](#) [Quote](#) [Email Author](#)

² When creating a thread or reply that is more than a few sentences long, we recommend typing your message in a word processing program and copying/pasting the text into the discussion post. This will prevent you from losing your work should an internet connection problem occur.

- In the Message form that appears, type your reply. To publish the reply, click the *Submit* button.

- The reply will be added to the thread's details page, listed underneath the thread it was added to.

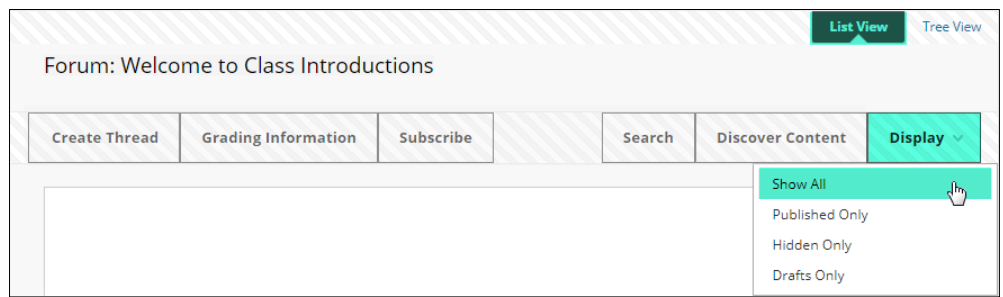
REVIEWING YOUR DISCUSSION ACTIVITY AND GRADES

In a graded discussion forum, you may review your activity and grade by clicking the *Grading Information* button at the top of the forum. You will be taken to a *Collection* page that lists all the threads and replies you contributed to the forum as well as grade feedback and participation statistics.

Statistic	Value
Total Posts	2
Date of Last Post	July 26, 2018 9:05 AM
Average Post Length	473
Minimum Post Length	454
Maximum Post Length	491
Average Post Position	2

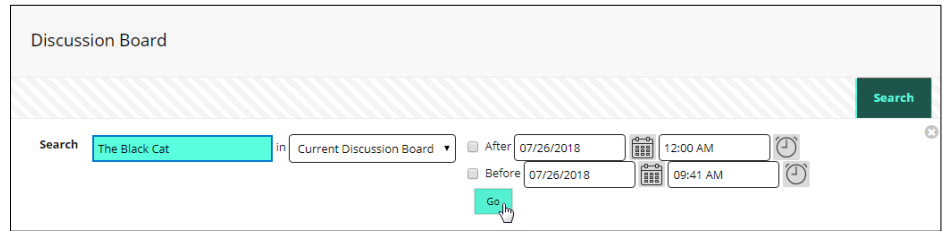
FINDING MISSING THREADS

If you are having trouble viewing or finding threads in a forum, make sure that you are in **LIST VIEW**. In the **DISPLAY** menu, select **SHOW ALL**.



SEARCHING THE DISCUSSION BOARD

On the Discussion Board page and within each forum, you can use the **SEARCH** tool to locate content posted within forums. Type keywords or author names in the search field and select **GO**. A "Search Results" page will list threads that match your search criteria.



SUBSCRIBING TO A FORUM

If you would like to receive an email notification when new threads or replies have been added to a forum, click the forum's **SUBSCRIBE** button. Notifications will be sent to your MATC email address. However, always reply to threads directly within Blackboard.