



## HOW TO WRITE A STRONG INITIAL DISCUSSION BOARD POST

1. **Read the discussion board question carefully:** Make sure you understand what is being asked before responding. Focus on identifying the main topics presented within each week/unit.
2. **Do your research:** Review relevant materials from the course, or other outside sources (i.e. the Post University Online Library) to support your discussion.
3. **Be clear and focused:** Stick to the topic at hand and avoid including unnecessary information. Use clear and professional language and avoid sharing opinions unless they are supported by research.
4. **Ask Questions:** Include an open-ended question(s) within your discussion to invite further engagement from your classmates.
5. **Proofread:** Check for grammar, spelling, and clarity before submitting.
6. **Follow Guidelines:** Adhere to any specific requirements from your instructor regarding length, formatting, and deadlines.