

Sample Discussion Board Activities

Discussions of Course Readings/Lectures

- Discussion boards can serve as a forum for students to discuss course readings and lectures.

Collaborative Projects

- Students work together to create a single project or assignment, which they later repost to the larger group for critique.

Case Analysis/Journal Reviews

- Learners individually review a case or journal and post a response to the discussion board for group analysis.

Debates

- Students present their individual position on issues raised, followed by a whole-class consensus-building debate.

Research Panel

- Discussion boards can be used as a repository for students to post links and citations related to a specific area of study.

Peer Editing

- Students post projects/assignments for peer review and constructive feedback prior to final submission.

Problem-Solving Activities

- Learners work together to create solutions to problems presented in the discussion forum.

Brainstorming Forums

- Students post thoughts and ideas related to a given topic, without assessment, in an effort to gain perspective on the bigger picture presented.

Virtual Field Trips

- Instructors post various web links for students to visit and explore and students report findings and reactions back to the discussion board by answering a set of pre-determined questions designed by the instructor.