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| **Discussion Question Grading Criteria** | **Maximum Points** |
| You provide a comprehensive response to the issue in a way that fosters continued dialog. The comments demonstrate that you have read the full text assigned material. The response covers the entire topic, is well thought out and relevant facts and current issues are cited as to authority if necessary. You respond WITH SUBSTANCE to at least 1 other student.  Initial Posting= 10 pts Peer Responses = 10 pts | 20 |
| You provide a somewhat brief response that does not necessarily foster continued dialog. The comments demonstrate that you have read some or portions of text assigned material. The response covers parts of the topic, mentions some of the main points and relevant facts and few current issues are cited as to authority if necessary. You respond with very little substance to at least 1 other student post.  Initial Posting: 8 Peer Responses: 8 | 16 |
| You merely state an opinion or position without adequate explanation or justification. You do not provide any new ideas. The response is very brief. You do not provide any authority to support your opinion You didn’t respond to at least 1 other student post.  Initial Post: 10 Peer Response: 0 | 10 |
| You did not provide an initial response but only posted responses to your classmates.  Initial Post: 0 Peer Response: 8 | 8 |
| You do not post a discussion comment. | 0 |