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|  | Exemplary(2 points) | Good(1 point) | Poor(0 points) |
| Knowledge of the Subject Matter | Original post brings forth new or expanded ideas that reflect high-level critical thinking on the topic and demonstrate practical application. | Original post illustrates basic knowledge of the topic without applying or expanding idea.  | Original post displays only a minimal grasp of the concepts coveredDoes not expand upon the central concepts. |
| Evidence of Research | Original post applies research to support and extend ideas. Original post should be 200-300 words. Citations provided support posting.  | Original post uses research to support ideas, but fails to provide citations. | Original post lacks supporting research. |
| Responses to Others | Support or refute the original posting and furthers the discussion with critical analysis. Follow-up responses should be at least 100 words. References are optional. | Supports or refutes the original posting **without** furthering the discussion through critical analysis.  | Does not refer to the posting directly or simply agrees or disagrees without explanation or no response. |
| Timeliness | Initial posting completed by Friday **AND** response posted by Monday to others. | Initial posting completed by Saturday and response by Tuesday. | Initial posting after Saturday **OR** response after Tuesday. |
| Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling | Absence of errors. Uses compound sentence structure. Clear that posts have been proofread and/or run through grammar and spell check. | Minimal errors. Sentence structure correct, but basic. | Substantial errors with significant grammatical and structural problems.  |

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