

Scored Discussion Scoring “Look-for’s”

Positive	Negative
ARGUE a position on a question	<i>Inattention</i>
CITE evidence to support a position	<i>Distractions</i>
CONNECT discussion to compare or contrast with concepts from other readings/discussions/lessons	<i>Interrupting others/inconsiderate of other speakers</i>
SUMMARIZE significant points of the discussion	<i>Irrelevant comments</i>
ASK clarifying or original questions	<i>Monopolizing</i>
ENCOURAGE comments or reactions from others	<i>Personal attacks</i>
CULTIVATE by recognizing irrelevancy, refocusing, planning	<i>Lack of preparation evident in repetitive commentary</i>

In general, quality commentary brings something new and substantive to the discussion. Quality contributions offer incisive or original observations, pose critiques of the reading or points in contention in the discussion, or offer up thoughtful questions for the group to consider.