

## Discussion Expectations AP Lang & Comp

Discussion: [Learning Impact 1: Single Point Rubric](#)

1. How do I prepare for discussions?
  - Make notes and points on what you want to talk about with others
  - Read and analyze sources on what the topic is about.
  - Research to build background knowledge on relevant topics
  - Know at least three viewpoints/supporting points for your argument
  - Collect sources to refer to throughout the discussion for evidence of your claims
  - Be able to analyze several different perspectives from sources discussed
2. How do I defend a writer's point of view or position?

You can defend a writer's point of view/position through quotes and evidence, although it may be necessary to point out that you don't share the exact viewpoint when making said statements.

  - Having thoughtful insights or questions that connect or build off of that person's idea
3. How do I show that I am listening?
  - Making eye contact, head nodding, smiles or facial expressions, mentioning others responses with your own
  - Don't talk over another person and listen to what they have to say. If something is confusing, ask questions when they are done.
  - While a participant is sharing their idea, other participants are listening respectfully and considering that person's idea regardless of their personal perspective
4. How do I actively participate in collaborative discussions?
  - Share your thoughts and ideas, but also be prepared to back them up with evidence or reasoning; I think it's also okay to have an idea and not be 100% certain about it
  - Be okay with other people changing their ideas and opinions and understand that it is okay to reevaluate your opinions later in the discussion when you have more knowledge or after someone has pointed something out
  - Ask questions and respond to what others are saying.
  - Don't be scared to talk or be wrong, because it doesn't really matter nobody cares
5. What does it take for me to freely contribute my ideas?
  - Have an efficient way of making sure everyone has the ability to share their idea without being spoken over, interrupted, or disregarded
6. How do I support my position on an idea or topic?
  - By giving evidence
  - Address the opposing point of view
  - State why you think you think this and make a valid argument.
7. How do I evaluate the validity of an argument/position and how do I counter that position if it proves invalid?
  - Do it respectfully and not rude. Do not attack the person themselves but rather their argument.(Don't make it personal)
  - Using outside evidence and trying to identify bias