

Online Netiquette & Discussion Guidelines

3 C's and a Q Discussion Response

Some of our discussion topics might be controversial and emotionally charged. Our discussions will model civil and constructive disagreement as a means of civil discourse.

Your replies to others should add to the conversation and contribute to a deeper understanding of the perspectives being discussed, not merely agree with what your classmate wrote in their initial post. Please use the following 3 C's and Q model for commenting on others' posts in order to deepen the conversation

3 C's and a Q	Purpose	Examples
Compliment	Start positive, find a compliment to an aspect of your classmate's post, or validate their perspective	I like that... I understand how xxx can be xxx...
Comment	Add to what was said in the post, it may be a statement of agreement or disagreement, be respectful	I agree with you...for example.. I might come to a different conclusion because I respect your opinion, and I ...
Connect	Build a connection with your classmate by relating on a personal level or with something you have read or observed elsewhere	I had the same thing happen to me when..." I read a similar article in X which... I found the same evidence for...
Question	Keep the conversation going. Ask a relevant follow-up question.	I wonder why..." What effect might X have on..." How might you feel differently about this if..."