

Online Discussions: Peer Review Examples

Peer review creates a learning community where participants can engage in meaningful conversations, build their learning experience, and deepen their network. Collaborative assignments such as peer feedback can result in dynamic, synergistic, and engaging learning through the depth of conversation that can occur when discussing course concepts. Peer feedback is a way to alleviate some of the communication burden instructors' face in online courses in providing grades and feedback to individual students. The key to a successful peer review discussion is to provide specific guidelines for students to follow when reviewing their peers' drafts. Research has shown that having students assess a peer's assignment with the grading rubric, improved their writing quality and skills (Greenberg, 2015).

Reference

Greenberg, K. P. (2015). Rubric use in formative assessment: A detailed behavioral rubric helps students improve their scientific writing. *Teaching of Psychology*, 42(3), 211-217. doi:10.1177/0098628315587618

Example

During each module, you are required to post drafts of your handbook, visit the postings of at least 2 fellow classmates, and confer with them about their handbook. You can consistently visit the same classmate's drafts, or you can pick two new classmates' drafts to respond to within each module.

Initial Post: For module 2 you are required to: Create a discussion post with a draft of your responses to the 2 questions in assignment 2 of the handbook. Your entry **is due** at 11:59 pm on **Wednesday** of week 4. In your post include at least two areas of concern or questions you may have about the information you presented. This will help guide your peers' feedback.

Response Posts: Then, **by Sunday** at 11:59 pm of week 4, read the posts of your classmates and comment on at least two.

Your responses are expected to be substantive in nature and focus on the assignment description and scoring guide. Construct an in-depth critique supported by scholarly, constructive comments. Ask clarifying questions, offer suggestions for improvement, and point out the strengths of the draft according to the scoring guide. Base your comments on the readings and provide corroboration by including references with your responses. In addition, please attach the completed scoring guide with your comments to your post.