

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISCUSSION BOARD POST

**Please think of this as an academic, scholarly writing assignment. Both today and tomorrow, you will be asked to share your thoughts and opinions. Tonight you will support those opinions with reliable sources. Never reference a source by saying, "the guy in the article" or "the webpage author"... instead, find the name of the person or organization and refer to them by name, or say, "In today's class discussion..." For your first long entry you will then link your source(s) at the end of the post.*

- Your posts are going into a public (to us) forum, therefore you need to follow the rules of grammar, sentence structure, spelling, and etiquette necessary when communicating through written language. Please use complete sentences. Check your spelling, and mind your manners.
- You will respond to an initial question or set of questions, and then you also have to respond to AT LEAST TWO other people.
- You must cite at least two sources to support what you are saying in your initial post. Please no repeats from classmates.
- Your responses to your peers do not require citation since they will be mostly your own thoughts, however, if you DO mention something that is not your own opinion and not common knowledge, you must cite the source of that info. If ever in doubt, cite it. If still in doubt, FIND A SOURCE to support what you're saying and cite *that*.
- These are graded, which means you really have to think deeply and provide *several* references for what you say. Please see attached rubric.

PHOTOSHOP & BODY IMAGE: DISCUSSION FORUM POST #1

After you have read above and participated in the class discussion, respond to ALL of the following in 1-2 paragraphs. This is a formal, academic post so please refrain from using slang or abbreviations. You must INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO UNIQUE SOURCES (not used by classmates) and cite them. For webpages, cite the page or article title in parenthesis in-text... then include the full URL at the bottom of your post.

1. Is there a question of ethics involved when it comes to using Photoshop?
2. Are you surprised to see how frequently and how drastically the media manipulates women's bodies before printing or publishing? As a woman, how does this use/misuse make you feel? What effect does this have on teen girls' and women's body image in general?
3. What amount of "Photoshopping" is ok? Is there an "ok" amount?
4. If you were the FCC, in charge of all published media, would you take action? COULD you, legally? How do our rights as American come into play here?
5. Find at least two sources or stories that deal with this topic and include them in your response and explanation.

**PHOTOSHOP & BODY IMAGE:
DISCUSSION FORUM POSTS #2**

Tonight, please add to the discussion in **at least TWO** of the FIVE categories explained below (called “enhancements”). I have provided some “stem” starters but feel free to modify them as necessary. This response should be 3-4 good sentences long, and should begin with one of the enhancement stems below. Please read your classmates’ posts and do not duplicate their responses. Always try to bring new insights, opinions, and sources to the discussion. You are NOT required to CITE references, but you may. Please “spread the love” and make sure to reply to all threads (not the same few over and over).

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

- I agreed with what you said because _____
- I had never considered your perspective, but I can see your point because _____
- I thought about what you said about _____ when I read _____

QUESTIONING:

- I’m not sure I understand what you meant when you said _____
- I respectfully disagree with your statement _____, because _____

SHARING EXPERIENCES:

- In my experience, I have found _____
- One approach I have seen taken to address the issue of _____ is _____
- On internet site which addresses the problem of _____ is _____
- I have often viewed _____ as _____ because of _____
- I was surprised to learn _____
- One source I found (_____), suggested that _____

WEAVING (SUMMARIZING BIG CHUNKS OF THE DISCUSSION):

- In summary, _____
- As I read this discussion, I notice that _____
- A common theme in this discussion seems to be _____
- A major source of contention appears to be _____
- Most of us seem to agree with _____

TAKING A STAND:

- I read about _____, but I can’t agree with _____
- What is needed is _____
- What is not needed is _____
- I strongly support _____
- I strongly defend _____
- I strongly sympathize with _____
- I strongly disagree with _____