

BLACKBOARD FOR STUDENTS: FACT SHEETS

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HOW TO REPLY TO A DISCUSSION BOARD THREAD

1. Remember, a Discussion Board is a place that your instructor has created for you to exchange ideas with the class. After accessing Discussions from the Course Menu, select a forum.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for a Discussion Board. The top navigation bar includes the Washington University in St. Louis logo and user information. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like Library Test 7, Home Page, Course Information, My Instructor, Assignments, Tests & Quizzes, Discussion Board, Chat, My Grades, Tools, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Discussion Board' and contains a table of forums. A blue arrow points to the 'Oceans in the News' forum entry. The table has columns for Forum, Description, Total Posts, Unread Posts, and Total Participations. Below the table, there is a sample post and response requirements.

| Forum | Description | Total Posts | Unread Posts | Total Participations |
|---|--|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Oceans in the News | Each week please post a link to a relevant news article related to oceanography or marine biology. Add the week number to your title. | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SAMPLE: Glacier Melt Could Signal Faster Rise in Ocean Levels | Greenland's glaciers are melting into the sea twice as fast as previously believed, the result of a warming trend that renders obsolete predictions of how quickly the Earth's oceans will rise over the next century. Consider the previous statement. Do you think this will happen? Can adjusting human activity make a difference? Do you think it is a scare tactic and we are simply in a regular cycle which has happened before in the Earth's long history? | 0 | 1 | 0 |

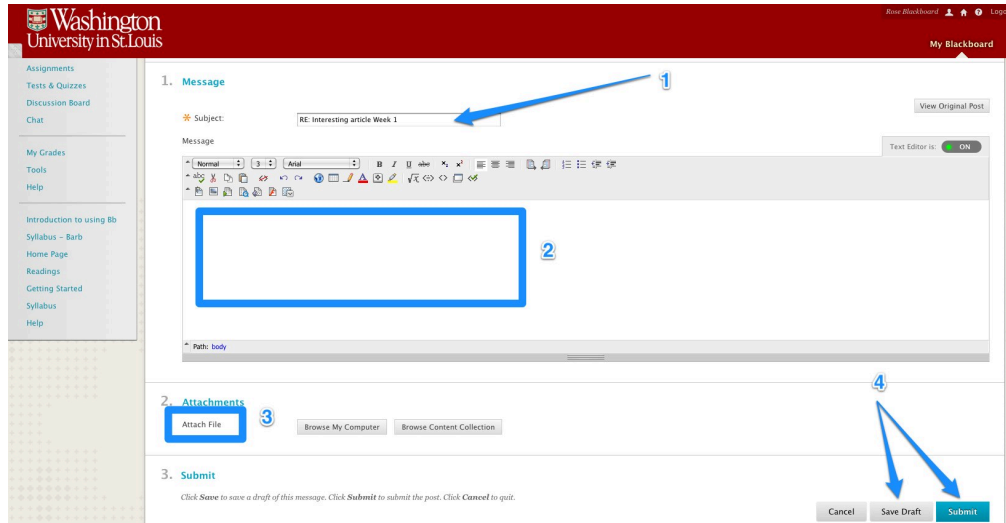
Response Requirements:

1. You must pick a side: agree or disagree with the statement.
2. Give 3 to 5 valid and well-explained reasons for your opinion. You may cite sources, but it is not required.
3. Reply to at least one classmate.

2. Select a thread; a thread includes the initial post and any replies to it. Reply to the thread.

The screenshot shows the 'Thread Detail' page in Blackboard. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The left sidebar is also the same. The main content area is titled 'Thread Detail' and shows a thread titled 'Interesting article Week 1'. A blue arrow points to the 'Reply' button next to the thread title. Below the thread title, there is a 'Total Posts: 1 Unread Posts: 0' summary. The thread content shows a post by 'Rose Blackboard' dated '7/13/12 1:08 PM'. Below the post, there are options to 'Reply', 'Quote', and 'Set Flag'. The bottom of the page shows the author information: 'Author: Rose Blackboard', 'Posted Date: Friday, July 13, 2012 1:08:11 PM CDT', and 'Edited Date: Friday, July 13, 2012 1:08:11 PM CDT'. The total views are '2 (Your views: 2)'.

3. You have the option of changing the subject of your post (1). After typing your post in the Text Box (2), you can attach a file (3), save the draft for later edits, and/or submit (4).



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