Best Practices for Discussion Boards

1. Create open-ended questions that lead to discussion.
2. Establish clear expectations and guidelines.
3. Create a rubric that clearly defines degrees of success.
4. Divide students into smaller discussion groups.
5. Empower students through assigned roles.
6. Limit the number of student postings per forum.
7. Use introductions and social forums.
8. Balance your presence.
9. Use multiple short paragraphs in postings.
10. Save all comments you post.
11. Establish a friendly and enthusiastic environment.