Design Options – Discussion Board Subject Lines

Purpose

The purpose of the subject line in a discussion board is to give context to comments when reading through a discussion. Subject lines are also useful references when grading. Subject lines are also helpful when asking students to respond to multiple threads in one forum.

Canvas Design Option

Because Canvas does not have subject lines, in either threaded or unthreaded discussions, students can be asked to provide context for each post, or instructors can evaluate posts without context.

More Details

Courses that were built to have students reply to instructor threads can either include a discussion forum for each prompt, or can compile individual questions into one prompt, and ask that students give context in the first sentence of their post regarding what they're responding to.

View from Grade Center: