Some Guidelines for Exemplary Posting and discussion board creation:

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<td>Recognition of some confusion/curiosity or perplexity as a result of a problem/issue arising out of an experience/course readings; posing a problem and enticing others to take a step deeper into it.</td>
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<td>Invitational</td>
<td>Inviting others to think together, to ponder, to engage by asking questions, requiring information, opinion or approval.</td>
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<td>Argumentation</td>
<td>Expressing reasoning (with analogies, causal, inductive and/or deductive reasoning etc) to trigger discussion</td>
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<td>Critical</td>
<td>Challenging or counter-challenging statements/ideas proposed by others OR playing devil’s advocate</td>
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<td>Heuristic</td>
<td>Expressing discovery (similar to —A ha! moments or expressions like —I find it!); directing others’ attention to a newly discovered idea.</td>
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<td>Examination of past events, practices (why/how they happened) or understandings in relation to formal content</td>
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<td>Interpretation of formal content through opinions that are supported by relevant examples, facts, or evidence.</td>
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<td>Analytical</td>
<td>Interpretation of content through the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of others’ understanding</td>
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<td>Informative</td>
<td>Providing information from literature and relating it to course content/topic of discussion</td>
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<td>Explanatory</td>
<td>Chain of connected messages intended to explain/make clear OR statements serving to elaborate on the ideas suggested in previous posts</td>
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<td>Implicative</td>
<td>Assertions that call for action OR statements whereby participants formulate a proposal/decision about how to achieve a certain end based on the insights they gained from the course readings/discussions</td>
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Be wary of the following types of posts and questions that create these types of post, as they do not result in positive discussion board outcomes

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<td>Judgmental</td>
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<td>Posts that only contain personal experiences, narratives, descriptions that are not followed by reflection</td>
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