

Questions to Prepare for Using a Blog, Journal, or Threaded Discussion

What do I intend for students to learn from and/or contribute through this activity?

How does this activity support the course objectives?

What assistance do I need in order to make this successful (technical assistance, student help, design assistance)?

How will I ensure that students are equipped with the skills necessary to be successful?

How will I monitor student progress? What will I do when a student or group is struggling?

How will I build the activity in a way that encourages extensive and meaningful student interaction?

How will I build the activity in a way that encourages thoughtful posts?

How will the activity be integrated into the face-to-face portion of the course?

How can I check for the usefulness / effectiveness of the activity? Student feedback?

How will I assess student performance? How frequently?