

Thought Experiments (TE):

TE's are designed, usually, to complement the readings.

In addition to your original response, you must have 2 additional exchanges/discussions for a total of 3 posts.

A well-written response will include elements included in the rubric below.

They include:

1. Examination and analysis of the issues
2. Fluid integration of concepts/terms theories from your text or other reputable sources
3. Evidence for your claims and proper citations
4. Responses to 2 other classmates
5. Be free of grammar and spelling errors.

WARNING: Wikipedia is not an appropriate academic source. Do not use research from this site.

Here are some ways to get avoid getting big juicy ZEROS:

- Don't just agree with other people or repeat the content of their comment.
 - ❑ Simply stating "I agree/disagree with you" is not a sufficient response; it does not add to the dialogue, nor will it merit any points towards your grade. Additionally, re-phrasing your classmates' responses doesn't count either – all that tells me is that you have the ability to repeat.
- Don't ask a series of questions in your response
 - ❑ Unless you are going to provide an answer to each question that either refutes or adds knowledge to your classmates' responses.
- Don't ask questions that simply repeat the dilemma being discussed.
 - ❑ That does nothing to add to the discussion either.
- Don't just post an emotional response.
 - ❑ No matter how sensitive a topic may be, leave your emotions at the door. This is about thinking critically and analytically.

Area	Points Possible
Addresses question through careful examination and analysis.	0-10
Draws on and incorporates <u>terms/concepts/theories</u> from text and/or other research and Provides evidence to support claims, arguments, positions and cites work used.	0-7
Responds to 2 classmates	0-5
Uses error-free spelling and grammar	0-3
TOTAL POINTS	0-25