Blog Posts – Online Discussion Assignment

*Learning Goal – I can write an effective blog post and contribute to an online discussion so that I can demonstrate my analytical skills and deepen my understanding of the issues.*

**While reading the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, you will have multiple opportunities to express your thoughts and ideas online in a classroom blog forum. Your homework after most classes will be to go to the class website (mrsschnarr.weebly.com) and post a response to the discussion question.**

Rubric:

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| Learning Goals | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
| My responses demonstrate a thorough understanding of the novel. | -I have included few or no relevant details, and included limited reference to specific parts of the novel | -I have included some relevant details, and somewhat referred to specific parts of the novel | -I have included relevant details, and referred to specific parts of the novel | -I have included many relevant details, and referred to specific parts of the novel |
| I have a thorough understanding of the purpose of a blog post and the audience to whom my post is directed | -My posts answer the questions with limited effectiveness  -My responses to other posts are courteous, and push the conversation further or add to the conversation with limited effectiveness | -My posts somewhat answer the questions  -My responses to other posts are courteous and somewhat push the conversation further or add to the conversation | -My posts clearly and answer the questions  -My responses to other posts are courteous and push the conversation further or add to the conversation | -My posts clearly and thoroughly answer the questions  -My responses to other posts are courteous, insightful, and push the conversation further or add to the conversation |
| I can convey my ideas clearly in writing | -I have explained my ideas with limited effectiveness  -My posts are organized with limited effectiveness  -I have many spelling or grammatical errors | -I have somewhat explained my ideas  -My posts are somewhat organized  -I have some spelling or grammatical errors | -I have clearly explained my ideas  -My posts are organized  -I have few spelling or grammatical errors | -I have effectively explained my ideas  -My posts are organized and easy to follow  -I have few or no spelling or grammatical errors |
| I can support my argument effectively | -I have provided details that support my argument with limited effectiveness | -I have provided some details and quotations to support my ideas | -I have provided many details and quotations to support my ideas | -I have provided significant details and quotations to support my ideas |

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