MESSAGE BOARDS

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PRIMARY MEANS OF CONDUCTING DISCUSSION

• asynchronous
• everyone talks
• increases participation
• know your students better
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: HIGHER-ORDER SKILLS

• Demonstrate the ability to apply principles and generalizations already learned to new problems and situations
• Develop analytic skills
• Develop problem-solving skills
• Develop the ability to draw reasonable inferences from observations
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: HIGHER-ORDER SKILLS

• Develop ability to synthesize and integrate information and ideas
• Develop ability to think holistically: to see the whole as well as the parts
• Develop ability to think creatively
• Develop ability to distinguish between fact and opinion

From Classroom Assessment Techniques: A Handbook for College Teachers, 1993
CAN ALSO BE USED TO ASSESS WRITING ABILITY AND THE ABILITY TO CLEARLY EXPRESS KNOWLEDGE
GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES

Students are prompted to submit responses to the message boards multiple times per week—once as their first posting to the questions posed and again as response(s) to posts by other students to simulate discussion.
GROUP SIZE IS IMPORTANT TO SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSION

Creating student groups in K-State Online allows the instructor to manage group size.
THE TYPE OF QUESTION POSED MAY ENCOURAGE OR SUPPRESS DISCUSSION
QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT

K-State Online Statistics helps instructors see how the message board is utilized.
## Qualitative Assessment

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**Comments:**

**Final Grade _____**
Managing boards for student success

"The most frequent student complaint about message boards is having to read hundreds of repetitive entries. This can be eliminated with smaller message board groups."

Dr. Gayle Doll
CONCLUSION: MESSAGE BOARDS ARE THE SIMPLEST AND MOST WIDELY USED DISCUSSION METHOD