

Methods for Approaching Discussion Forum Facilitation

❖ Instructor-Led

The instructor posts a prompt and students are required to post an initial response by midweek and one or more follow-up responses to other students' posts by the end of the week.

❖ Student-Led (full class)

A few students opt to each facilitate one discussion with the entire class, taking on the role of the instructor by crafting the prompt and providing moderation as needed. These student-moderators might select this option as part of a set of collaborative inquiry projects.

❖ Student-Led (small groups)

The class divides into groups of 4-5 people, and each student takes a turn as discussion moderator within small groups. This allows the potential for every student to lead a discussion. It is particularly useful when full-class discussion threads have a tendency to become lengthy and overwhelming to follow.

