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## **SWK 225: Discussion Forum Topics**

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# SWK 225 Discussion Forum Prompts – Spring 2021

## Module 1 Discussion Forum: Autobiography PIE Poem

Assignments often require you to discuss ideas with your classmates through Blackboard. You are assigned to a small discussion group to complete discussion forum assignments. For our first discussion forum, you will introduce yourself to your classmates by writing and recording your own Autobiography PIE Poem. Before completing your first discussion forum, review the instructions provided for writing your poem.

Assignments and class participation require you to discuss ideas with your classmates in person and on Blackboard. To help us get to know each other, we'll start by writing and sharing your very own **Autobiography Poem**. Focus on yourself as a person in the environment in which you live and work, as well as strengths you have. The poem should follow this format:

- Line 1: First name
- Line 2: Born in...
- Line 3: Unique characteristic(s)
- Line 4: Four descriptive traits
- Line 5: Brother/Sister of...
- Line 6: Family tradition
- Line 7: Favorite experience
- Line 8: Who loves...
- Line 9: Who feels...
- Line 10: Who needs...
- Line 11: Who gives...
- Line 12: Who fears...
- Line 13: Who values...
- Line 14: Who believes...
- Line 15: Who wishes for...
- Line 16: Who lives in...
- Line 17: Last name

Now, take your poem and present it to your peers by making a video of yourself reading the poem. This will be the initial post for our **first Discussion Forum** due Wednesday 11:59pm EST. Then by Sunday 11:59pm EST, please respond to at least two posts from your classmates. When you are listening to each other's poems, think about ways you are similar and ways you are different from your classmates. We will practice asking open-ended questions about each other's poems. Questions that are open-ended often start with "Why" or "How" and do not typically elicit simply a yes/no response.

Here is an example of what your poem will look like:

**Erin**

Born in Princeton, Indiana

Uniquely optimistic

Curious, passionate silly and kind

Sister of Ali, Jessica, Will and Ben

Whose family tradition was having dinner together every night

Whose favorite experience is spending time with my daughter

Loves friends, gardens, learning, reading, exploring and laughing

Feels passionate about reducing the inequalities of the world

Needs love and friendship

Gives by doing things for other people

Fears being unable to contribute to the world

Values the little things in life that make it all worthwhile

Believes that people want to do the right thing

Wishes for everyone to just get along

Lives in Lexington, Kentucky

**Stevenson**

With all Discussion Forums, your initial post is due by Wednesday 11:59pm EST. You will create a new thread to post your initial comment. Once you have made your post, you will be able to see the posts made by your group members. By Sunday 11:59pm EST, you will respond to at least two other posts following the Discussion Forum Guidelines and Netiquette.

**Module 4 Discussion Forum: Pregnancy and Substance Use**

We know from current research that substance use during pregnancy can have detrimental effects on the fetus and newborn. Unfortunately, Kentucky has one of the highest rates of babies born addicted to substances used by their mother during pregnancy, particularly opioids. For this discussion forum, read and review current research in the links provided here. Then respond to the questions.

1. Read the brief report on substance use and pregnancy by the Kentucky Medical Association.
2. Review the latest reports on substance use while pregnant and breastfeeding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).
3. Apply a behavioral theory from our textbook to help explain why some women continue to abuse substances while pregnant.
4. Describe how you think we could reach out to women and help reduce the number of children born with drug addiction or damage from prenatal drug abuse.

A good response will include at least one reference and several well-written paragraphs. Initial post due Wednesday. Responses due Sunday.

## **Module 6 Discussion Forum: Cultural Competence**

For this discussion, we will focus on Cultural Competence. Answer the following questions in your initial post, due Wednesday. A good response will have several well-written paragraphs.

1. Define in one or two sentences what it means to be a culturally competent person.
2. Identify what you could do to continue developing your own cultural competence.
3. Describe how cultural awareness might help our society be better advocates for social justice for the at-risk population you studied. Give examples.

Responses to two or more other posts due Sunday.

## **Module 7 Discussion Forum: Peer Review and Support Forum**

In this discussion, we will practice Peer Reviewing by examining a sample of your upcoming Case Review papers. Your goal is to help each other write clearly, accurately, and with APA formatted references and citations.

For the Discussion Forum, you will do the following:

1. Share two paragraphs from your draft Case Review paper that describe your application of one human behavior theory to your case's situation. Do not share more than 2 paragraphs. Hint: The paragraphs you select need to be written so they can be understood without the rest of the paper.
2. Include at least one in-text citation and provide the full APA formatted reference at the end of the paragraphs.
3. Read at least two other posts and give constructive feedback on clarity in the writing, grammar, spelling, and APA format for in-text citations and references.

Initial post due Wednesday. Responses due Sunday. An example of paragraphs on theory from a student paper are in the Module 7 prompt.