

APEX LEARNING
DISCUSSION ACTIVITIES

Discussion Activities

Discussions are activities you complete with other students either face-to-face or in an online forum. Discussions are a great way to interact with classmates, reflect on course material, express opinions, and practice communication skills in a less-formal setting.

Netiquette

Please abide by these guidelines in discussions:

- Avoid sarcasm and slang. Swear words are unacceptable. Never use derogatory comments, including those regarding race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, political persuasion, body type, physical or mental health, or access issues.
- Avoid using ALL CAPS. This is perceived as shouting in the online world.
- Focus your responses on the questions or issues being discussed, not on the individuals involved. Be constructive with your criticism, not hurtful.
- Review your messages before sending them. Remove easily misinterpreted language and proofread for typos.
- Respect other people's privacy and never reveal e-mail addresses.

Complete a Discussion Activity

Begin a Discuss activity by reading the instructions. Go to page 2 to use the online discussion forum.

The screenshot shows the Apex Learning interface for 'Physical Science Sem 1'. The top navigation bar includes the course title and the Apex Learning logo. Below this, the breadcrumb trail reads 'UNIT 1 > LESSON 1 > ACTIVITY 3 : Searching for Truth'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. On the left side, there is a table of contents with the following items:

- 1 Let's Get Physical!
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 - 1.1.2 Explore: Inquiry
 - 1.1.3 Discuss: Searching for Truth
 - 1.1.4 Lab: Inquiry
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Below the table of contents are links for 'Appendix A: Student Resources' and 'Appendix B: Additional Activities'. The main content area is titled 'Searching for Truth' and features a speech bubble icon. The text reads: 'The foundation for all discoveries has been inquiry. We have modern technology and medical vaccines because people are always asking questions and investigating to find the answer. Inquiry sets us on a path to find answers.'

Questions

1. What did Thomas Paine mean when he said, "It is only error, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry"?
2. Do you think any significant discoveries have been made from errors? Can you describe one?
3. When doing an investigation, if you were to make a mistake what do you suppose you should do?

Directions

1. Go to the next page to participate in the discussion.
2. For technical instructions on using the discussion board, refer to the Resources unit.

Scoring

At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with a printer icon, a back arrow, and a page indicator that says 'Page 1 of 2'. The page indicator is circled in orange.

The first part of a discussion is a reply to the initial post — read all of the instructions and click the Reply button for the initial post.

The screenshot shows a discussion forum interface. At the top, the course title 'Physical Science Sem 1' is displayed in a blue header, along with the Apex Learning logo. Below the header, the navigation path 'UNIT 1 > LESSON 1 > ACTIVITY 3 : Searching for Truth' is shown. A search bar is located in the top right corner. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with a list of activities, including '1 Let's Get Physical!', '1.1 Science as Inquiry', '1.1.1 Study: Summarizing', '1.1.2 Explore: Inquiry', '1.1.3 Discuss: Searching for Truth' (which is highlighted), '1.1.4 Lab: Inquiry', '1.1.5 Quiz: Science as Inquiry', '1.2 The Scientific Method', '1.3 Let's Get Physical! Wrap-Up', '1.4 Diagnostic', '2 Get Your Motor Running', '3 May the Net Force Be with You', '4 Crash into Me', '5 I'm Pickin' Up Good Vibrations', '6 It's Electric!', '7 Physical Science Semester 1 Review and Exam', 'Appendix A: Student Resources', and 'Appendix B: Additional Activities'. The main content area displays a thread titled 'Honors Physical Science Sem 1 51674537' and '1.1.3 Searching for Truth'. The thread starter is 'Initial_Post', started on '08-03-2012 4:53 PM', with 'Replies: 0'. Below the thread title, there are 'print' and 'threaded view' buttons, and a 'Sort Posts: By date ascending' dropdown menu. The main post is dated '08-03-2012, 4:53 PM' and is by 'Initial_Post' with 'Posts 1,480,965'. The post content includes a list of three questions: '1. What did Thomas Paine mean when he said, "It is only error, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry"?' '2. Do you think any significant discoveries have been made from errors? Can you describe one?' and '3. When doing an investigation, if you were to make a mistake what do you suppose you should do?'. A red circle highlights the 'reply' button next to the post. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with 'Help | Terms of Use | Privacy Policy' and a pagination bar showing 'Page 2 of 2'.

Next, enter your reply in the Message field and click the Preview or the Post button.

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Appendix A: Student Resources

Appendix B: Additional Activities

Reply to an Existing Message

The message you are replying to: 1.1.3 Searching for Truth

Initial_Post wrote the following post at 08-03-2012 4:53 PM:

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Subject
Re: 1.1.3 Searching for Truth

Message

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The second part of a discussion is responding to other student posts and following up on responses to your posts. Click the Reply button for the post you want to respond to.

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1.1.3 Searching for Truth

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Today, 1:55 PM Content Dev CTV Student in reply to Initial_Post

Sean Kinney reply quote delete edit

Posts 1

Re: 1.1.3 Searching for Truth

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