



USING THE TEXTBOOK TO STRENGTHEN STUDENTS' ONLINE DISCUSSION SKILLS

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What is the dialectical process analysis

- ▶ What is the dialectical process?
- ▶ What are the steps?
- ▶ How Important is the relevance of the selected book?

Dialectical process analysis

Selecting the discussion topics from the book chapter

The affordable text is planned for SWK 150-501 which is entitled

- **The Black Experience**

- **African Americans Experience in a Contemporary Society.**

Due to the specificity of this course which is

1- a GenEd

2- aiming at developing transferable skills: **Critical Thinking and Group Work.**

3- weekly discussion assignments are a very important component of the course.

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Thesis development

Thesis: Students must be prepared to **analyze the content of the text and discuss it with classmates**. In addition, **students must react to two classmates' posts**.

1- Read the book chapter

2-Make your own analysis and your own interpretation and understanding of the content

3-Write up your thesis, your interpretation and understanding of the content

Antithesis:

Antithesis: Reacting to classmates' posts

- 1- Read classmates' expressed interpretations and understanding
- 2- Assess the differences between your interpretation and those of two classmates.
- 3- Restate that interpretation: lay out the differences with your own

Synthesis

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- 1- Come up with a middle ground or resolution
- 2- Resolution: retain argument
- 3- Advantages-Benefits:
 - ability to respond effectively to chapter questions

Mastering the dialectical methodology

Asynchronous Vs Synchronous application

- ▶ Thesis
- ▶ Antithesis
- ▶ Synthesis

Outcome

The relevance of the selected book

Selecting the affordable resources

- 1- the challenges to find relevant textbook with an adequate content
- 2- first gathering articles relevant to the course
- 3- analyzing students' use of the articles
- 4- select the relevant articles
- 5- attach/gather those resources together
- 6- write/revise additional articles
- 7- complete textbook