

# Formatting Makes a Difference



The way you format information can make a big difference on presentation to students.

**What to avoid:**

Too much information without a break.

**What you want to do:**

Insert pictures if possible

Chunking information

Use Headings

## Introduction and Course Orgar

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The way you format instructions and highlight important details, can help engage and enhance student comprehension.

Add **colored** or highlighted text, bullet points, and headers if the instructions consist of multiple parts



Hints & Tips

**This is a graded discussion: 5 points possible**

Discussion #1: "About you" - DONE

May 24 at 9:48am

Easy start:

1 point for making sure you have a picture of yourself uploaded on the site so we know what you look like. Meaning upload it as a profile picture (or user picture in your profile). Look around on the website and you should be able to figure that out (\*My profile settings).

Then please write the following right here in this forum.

4 points for a minimum of 4 separate sentences telling something about yourself and why you are in the class. Make each sentence have some information in it about you. Don't just say, "good luck everybody!" We want that but I am also trying to create community and knowing more about you helps with that.

Please use proper English. If you struggle with English, send me what you plan to post and I'll edit it for you. But be sure to give me time to beat the deadline.

Search entries or author Unread

Reply

Discussion #1: All About You

Neelke Aarna

May 26 at 12:30pm

**Step 1- (1 Point): Upload Profile Picture**

Make sure you have a picture of yourself uploaded on the site so we know what you look like. Meaning upload it as a profile picture (or user picture in your profile). Look around on the website and you should be able to figure that out (\*My profile settings).

**Step 2- (4 Points): Please write the following right here in this forum.**

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These are simply examples for your reference. You do not have to copy or implement these examples.