

# Grade a Discussion

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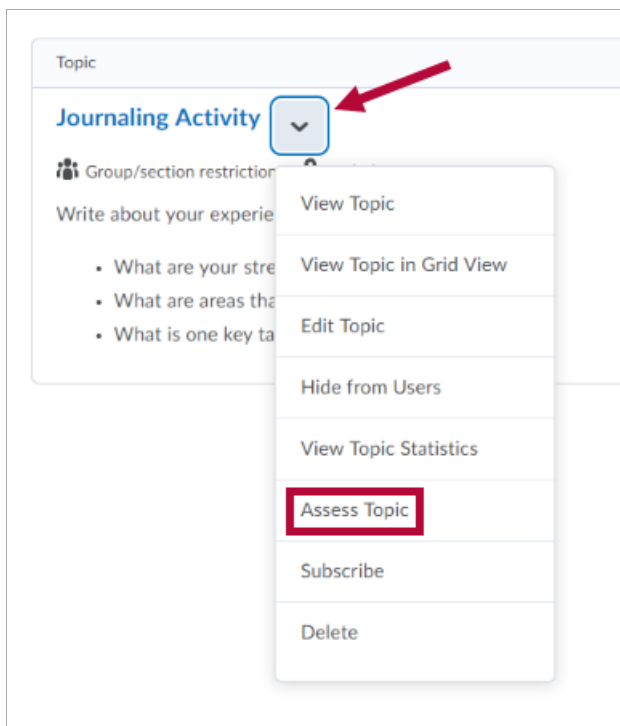
To grade a discussion with a rubric, see [Grade a Discussion with a Rubric](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/grade-discussion-rubric) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/grade-discussion-rubric>).

## Grade All Posts in a Topic

**NOTE:** You must first associate a grade item with the discussion topic or you will not see **Assess Topic** in the options.

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1. Click the arrow next to the topic name and select **[Assess Topic]**.



2. A list of students will show up with a **Topic Score** link under each student's name. Click on the **[Topic Score]** link, and a window will appear with all of that student's posts in the topic.

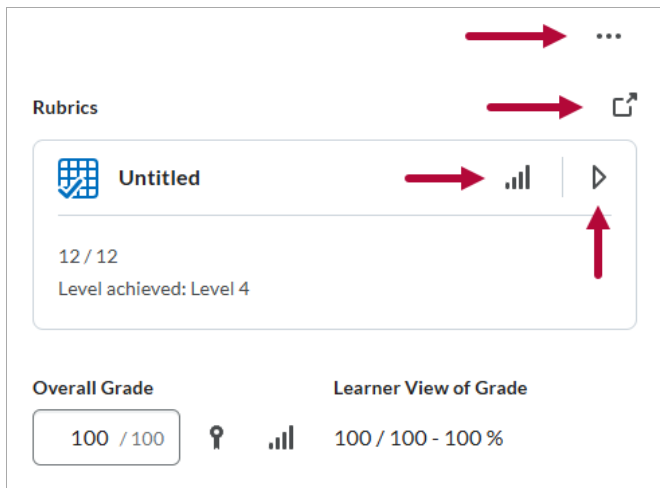
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View By: <span>User</span> <span>Apply</span>		Search For... <span>Show Search Options</span>	
<span>Publish Feedback</span> <span>Retract Feedback</span>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Name, Last Name	Score	Status
Student Test			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Topic Score <span>←</span>	- / 100 (-%)	Not yet evaluated
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3. To evaluate the student's posts, do the following:

- A. Click on the **[Overall Grade]** field to enter a grade for the student.
- B. Add feedback for the student in the **Overall Feedback** area.
- C. A word count appears on the **Assessment** page during the discussions assessment process, and it also appears inline with the post details in the **Discussions Reading View** and **Grid View**.
- D. Click **[Publish]** if your feedback is finalized and you want the grade to appear in the gradebook. Click **Save Draft** if you would like to modify your feedback at a later time.

Henry Ford was a pioneering industrialist whose innovations in manufacturing and business practices revolutionized the automotive industry and had a profound impact on modern society. Born in 1863, Ford's vision extended beyond merely producing cars; he aimed to make them affordable and accessible to the average person. His most notable achievement was the introduction of the assembly line, a revolutionary method that significantly increased production efficiency and reduced costs. This innovation not only transformed the Ford Motor Company but also set a precedent for mass production in industries worldwide. Ford's Model T, introduced in 1908, became a symbol of mobility and freedom for millions, demonstrating how technology could bridge socioeconomic divides. Nevertheless, his introduction of the \$5 workday in 1914 showcased his belief in improving workers' lives while ensuring a loyal, productive workforce—a move that helped establish a burgeoning middle class. Ford's contributions extended beyond the factory floor, influencing transportation, urban development, and economic systems. His commitment to innovation and his contradictions make him a fascinating figure in the history of industrialization and the American Dream.

- E. In the upper right of the assess topic screen, find the **options menu** (the **[...]**) and **[rubric access]** and **[statistics]** buttons. Use these to move between rubrics as well as other discussion posts quickly.



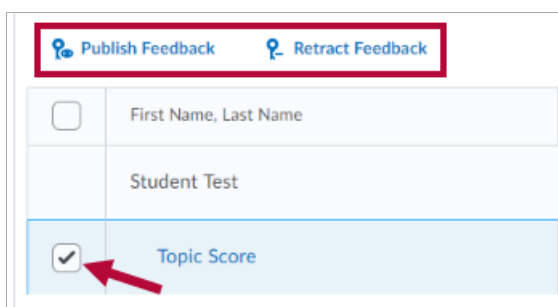
4. From the **Assess Topic** page, you can view student scores and the dates and times that feedback was published.

<input type="checkbox"/>	First Name, Last Name	Score	Status
Student Test			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Topic Score	70 / 100 (70%)	Published: Jan 22, 2020 4:30 PM

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5. To **Publish** or **Retract** feedback for specific students:

- Select the students using the checkboxes in the first column.
- Click **[Publish Feedback]** or **[Retract Feedback]**.
- Click **[Yes]** to confirm your selection.



6. To **Publish** or **Retract** feedback for **all** students:

- On the **Assess Topic** page, click **[Publish All Feedback]** or **[Retract All Feedback]**.
- Click **[Yes]** to confirm your selection.

## Assess Topic - Journaling Activity

Publish All Feedback

Retract All Feedback

Manage Columns

To see the original discussion post or other students' replies to that post, click on the title of the post.

Post

**Journaling Feedback** Jan 22, 2020 4:02 PM

I found this experience to be quite rewarding. I was able to gain new perspectives on areas I struggle with, and generate new ways to solve problems.

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