

## WRITING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A carefully worded question will be more likely to produce the learning you have identified in your objectives. The quality of your first post in a thread influences the thought level of subsequent postings (Meyer, 2005).

**Bloom's Taxonomy** can be useful in determining what type of question to develop as well as how to word it.

**What is Bloom's Taxonomy?** Benjamin Bloom, an educational psychologist, established a hierarchy within the cognitive domain as a way of evaluating intellectual responses. The hierarchy consists of six levels of complexity for different "layers" of learning.

