Creating a Home Page profile and using the Discussion Board

When a course first begins, it is often helpful to create a Home Page to introduce yourself and share your academic, research, or career interests with others in the course. To access your Home Page and create a profile, go to Course Tools and select “Home Page.” Fill out as much information as you would like (Introduction, Personal Information, Photo, Favorite Websites) and press **Submit** when finished. Your Home Page will be available through the Class Roster.

For many courses, especially online-only sections, instructors may rely heavily on the Discussion Board for students to interact and discuss course material. You may be asked to participate in debates, provide feedback and discuss recent lectures or required readings, or post written assignments.

The Discussion Board is just like a forum you might find on the web. It is organized by forum topic, with numbers showing the number of total posts, unread posts, and participants within each topic.
After clicking on a forum topic, you will be shown participant conversations, or “threads.” Each thread topic, when opened, will show the comment or question posed by the thread author, followed by links to open individual participant responses.

To contribute your comments to a thread, simply click on Reply, type your response (rich text formatting available), and press Submit. To reply to a particular question or comment within a thread, you can click on Quote, which will include an individual’s previously posted comment as indented text within your response. You may also upload a file attachment with your response.
Subject: RE: what are we doing

Message:

Author: Jane Doe
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 7:54:25 PM EDT
Subject: What are we doing

What are we doing after Monday's quiz?

We are supposed to go over the second half of Chapter 3...