In an effort to encourage student originality, Blackboard has released a new feature which allows faculty to set the Discussion Board to Post-First. This setting will prevent any student from reading other students' threads until they have posted their own thread.

Student View: Here is a screenshot of what the student will see when Post-First is enabled.

To set up the forum, follow these steps:

Note: The settings cannot be changed if students have already participated.

1. Choose the forum that needs to be updated.
2. Click the chevron next to the forum.
3. Select the option to edit.
4. Scroll down to the section titled Forum Settings. Then, select the radio button shown.

3. **Forum Settings**

   If a Due Date is set, submissions are accepted after this date, but are marked late.  
   Viewing Threads/Replies
   - Standard View
   - Participants must create a thread in order to view other threads in this forum.
   
   If participants are required to create threads in order to view other threads in the forum, post anonymously. Those options will be set for you automatically.

5. Click Submit.