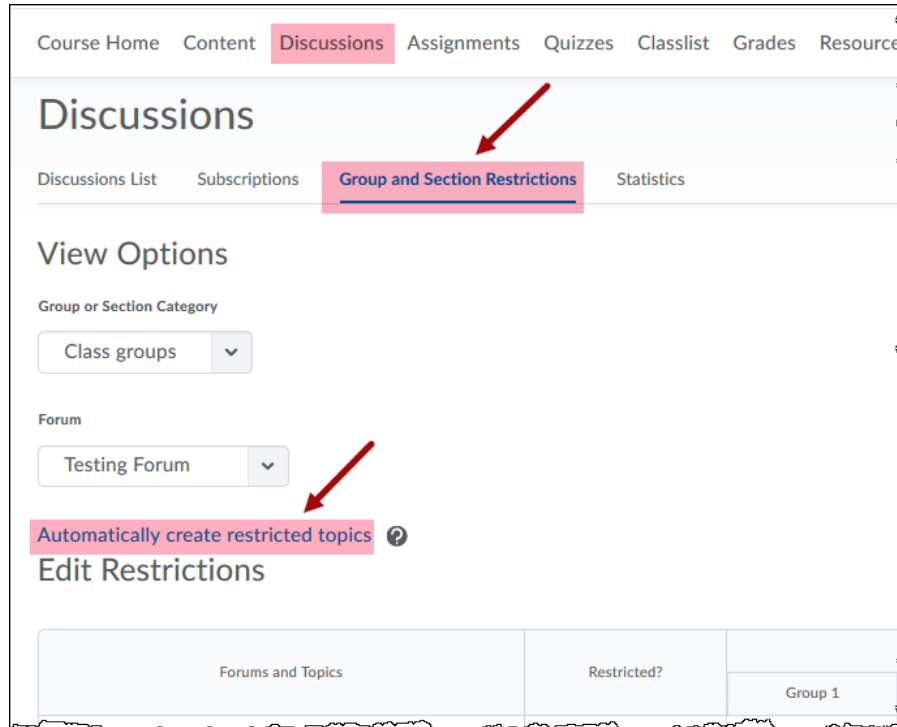


Creating Group Discussions through the Discussions Tool

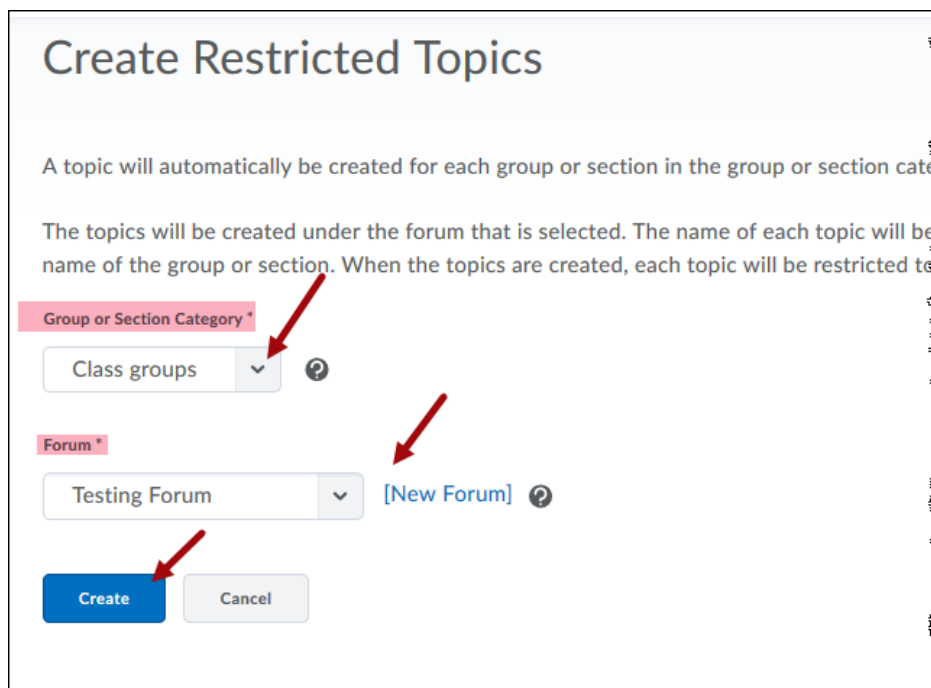
(Note: Groups must exist to use the following tools and features)

I. Create a Forum with a topic for each group.

1. Under “Discussions”, click on “Group and Section Restrictions”, and “Automatically create restricted topics”:



2. Select the group category and Forum (or create new) for the group topics:



- The following screen will show the new forum with the group topics and restrictions. Click “Save”:

Discussions Settings Help

Discussions List Subscriptions **Group and Section Restrictions** Statistics

View Options

Group or Section Category
Class groups

Forum
New Test Forum

Automatically create restricted topics

Edit Restrictions

Forums and Topics	Restricted?	Class groups			
		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
New Test Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class groups - Group 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class groups - Group 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class groups - Group 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class groups - Group 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Save

- Return to the Discussions list and scroll to the bottom. The new forum and topics will be located here. The forum and topic names can be revised to better reflect what is being discussed.

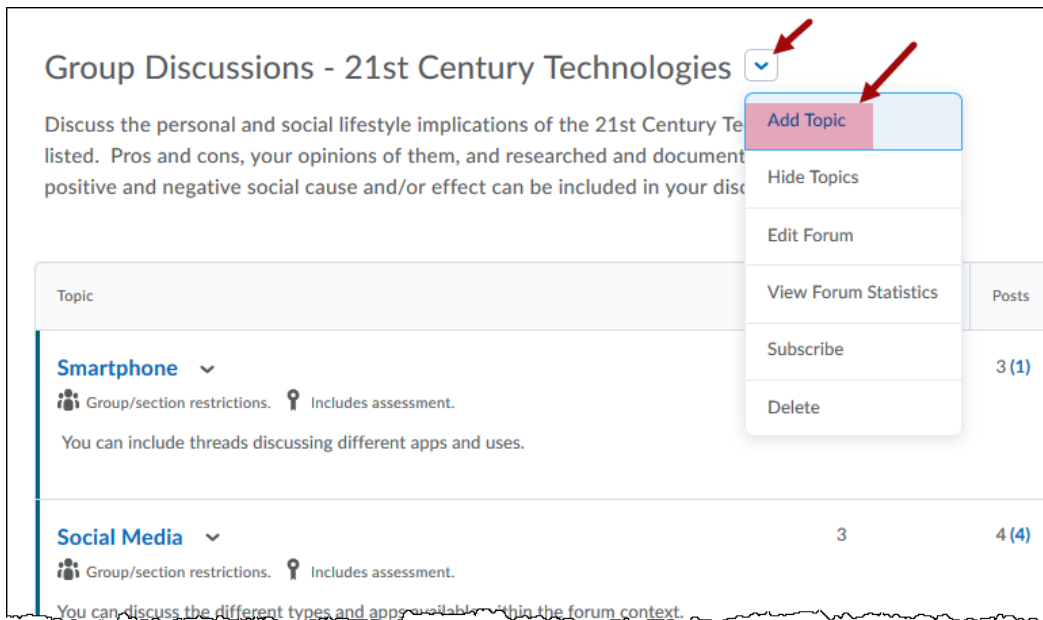
New Test Forum

Topic	Threads	Posts	Last Post
Class groups - Group 1 Group/section restrictions.	0	0	
Class groups - Group 2 Group/section restrictions.	0	0	
Class groups - Group 3 Group/section restrictions.	0	0	
Class groups - Group 4 Group/section restrictions.	0	0	

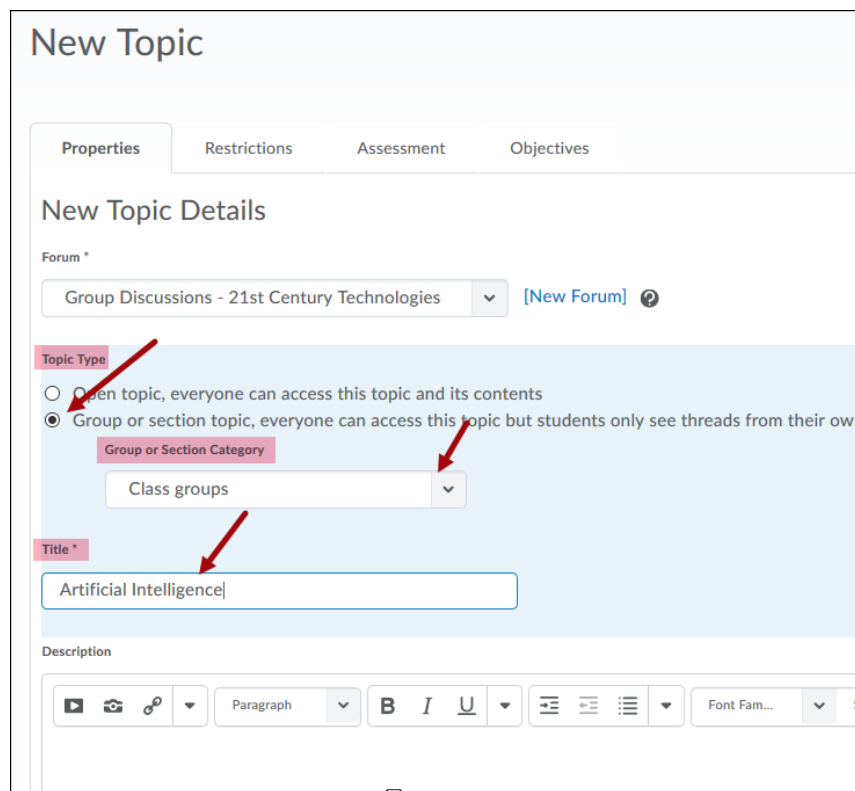
Students will see this Forum and only their groups' topic.

II. Creating a single topic with group restrictions, such that only the members of any particular group can see other group member postings (threads). This new topic can be added to an existing forum (a new forum would have to be created before this “group restricted” topic).

1. Navigate to the Forum where the new topic will be added and click on the drop-down menu arrow. Select “Add Topic” from the menu:



2. Select “Group or section topic,...” under “Topic Type”, the groups category you want to discuss the topic, and give the topic a Title:
(Note: If the selection “Section” is listed, **DO NOT** select it! Only select a group category name.)



- After clicking “Save and Close” for the New Topic, you will return to the Discussions list. Scroll to the Forum where you added the topic. The new topic will be the last one listed. Note it shows “Group/section Restrictions”:

Group Discussions - 21st Century Technologies ▾

Discuss the personal and social lifestyle implications of the 21st Century Technologies listed. Pros and cons, your opinions of them, and researched and documented cases of positive and negative social cause and/or effect can be included in your discussions.

Topic	Threads	Posts	Last Post
Smartphone ▾ Group/section restrictions. Includes assessment. You can include threads discussing different apps and uses.	2	3 (1)	Jim Wilkison October 15 at 12:45 PM
Social Media ▾ Group/section restrictions. Includes assessment. You can discuss the different types and apps available within the forum context.	3	4 (4)	Student Jeanette October 12 at 12:16 PM
Online commerce ▾ Group/section restrictions.	0	0	
Artificial Intelligence ▾ Group/section restrictions.	0	0	

Students will see this forum with this new topic and any other topic that has been created with group restrictions. However, they will only see postings from their fellow group members.

III. Applying group restrictions to an existing topic.

This is only for restricting a topic to select groups (usually just one) in a group category.

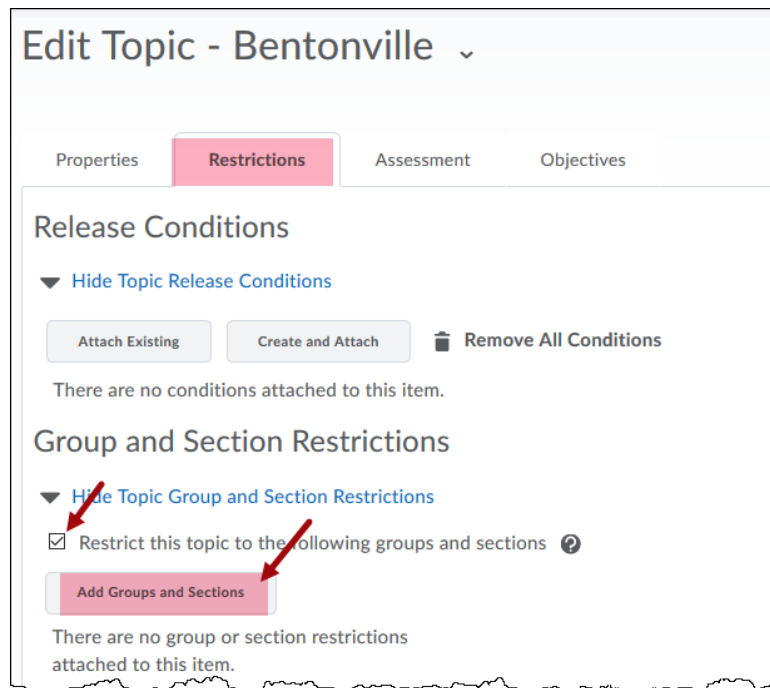
- Navigate to the topic where you want to apply the group restrictions, click on the menu arrow for the topic, and select “Edit Topic”:

Civil War Battles ▾

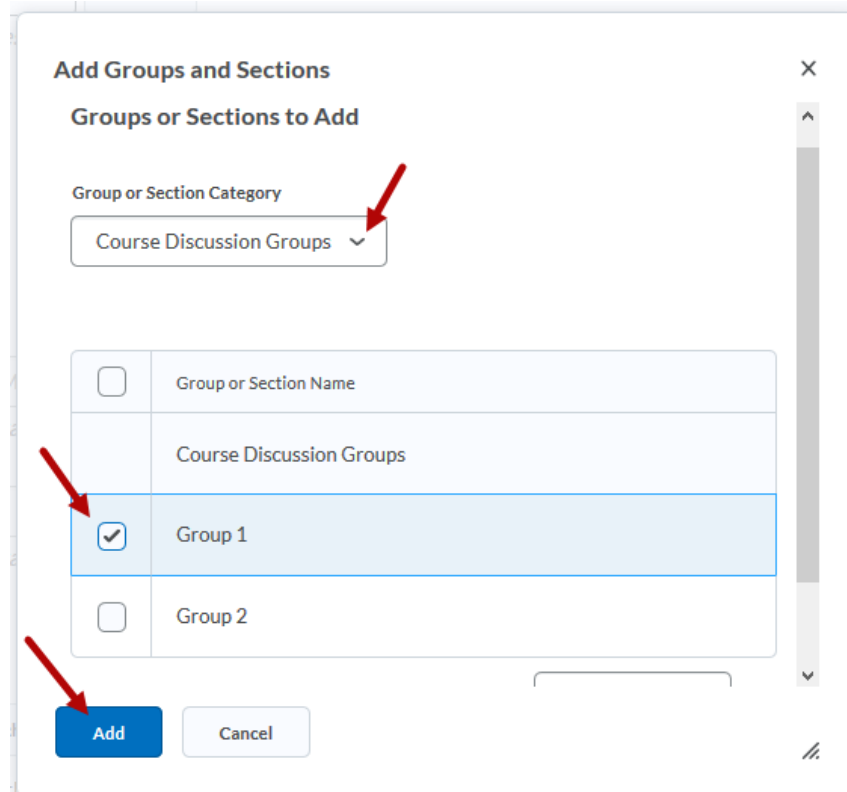
Discuss the impact of this battle on the war. Consider military, economic, political impacts as well as any others you find or know of.

Topic	Threads	Posts
Group 1 - Gettysburg ▾ Group/section restrictions.	0	0
Group 2 - Sh ▾ Group/section restrictions.	1	1 (1)
Group 3 - Vi ▾ Group/section restrictions.	1	1
Group 4 - Fir ▾ Group/section restrictions.	0	0
Bentonville ▾	0	0

2. On the "Edit Topic" screen, click on the "Restrictions" tab. Check the box for "Restrict this topic to the following groups and sections" and click the "Add Groups and Sections" button (if these are not visible, click on "Show Topic Group and Section Restrictions").



3. In the pop-up window, select the groups category that has the group (or groups) that you want to discuss this topic and them in the list. Click the "Add" button:



4. You will return to the “Restrictions” screen and the Group restrictions will be shown. “Save and Close”:

Group and Section Restrictions

Restrict this topic to the following groups and sections ?

Add Groups and Sections

Remove All Group and Section Restrictions X

Only members of the following groups and sections may access this item:

Course Discussion Groups: Group 1 X

Save and Close Save and New Save Cancel

Now only Group 1 of the Course Discussion Groups can post to this topic in this example.