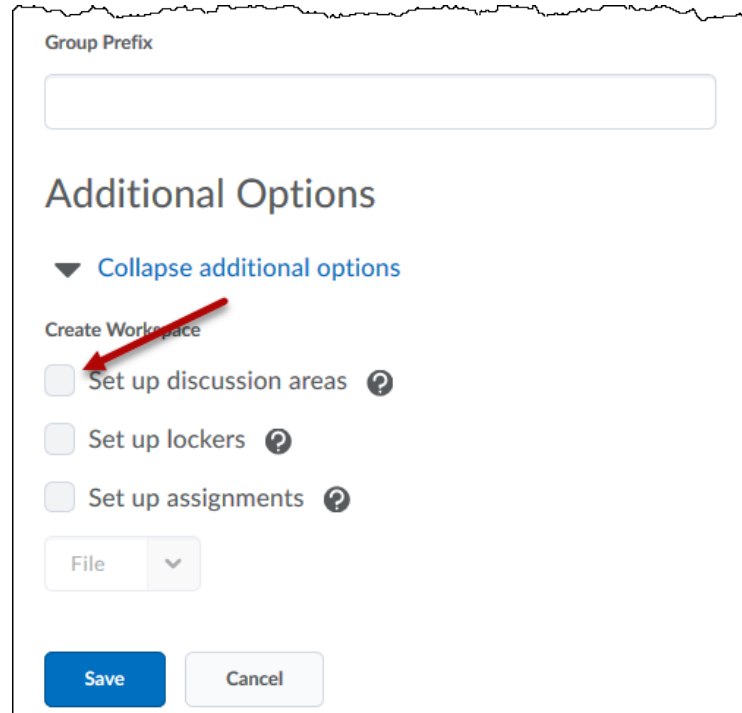


Creating Group Discussions through the Groups Tool

For details on creating Groups, see the guide “Creating Groups with the Groups Tool”

1. After setting the group enrollment options, select (or check) the box for “Set up discussion areas” under the “Additional Options” on the New Category screen (plus the other options if desired).



Group Prefix

Additional Options

▼ Collapse additional options

Create Workspace

Set up discussion areas ?

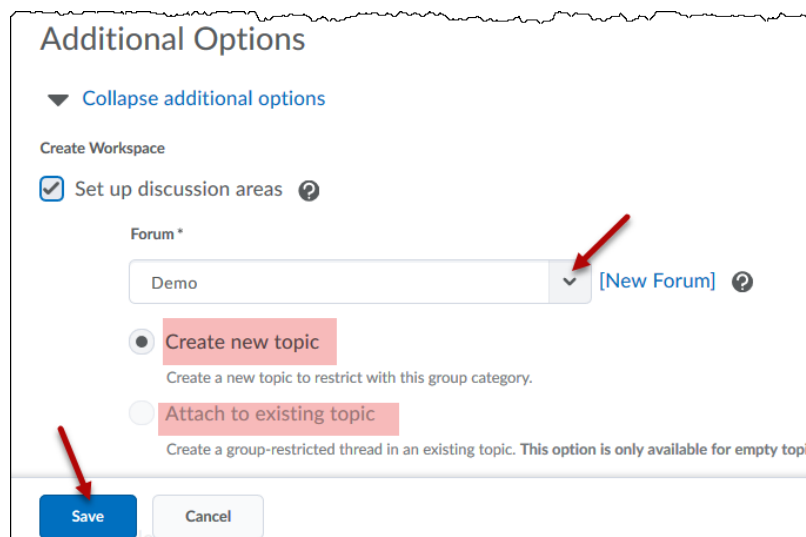
Set up lockers ?

Set up assignments ?

File ▼

Save Cancel

2. After checking the “Set up discussion areas” box, select a Forum to “Create a New Topic” in. If any topics exist that are empty of postings or have no group restrictions, the option for attaching the groups to the topic is available. After selecting the forum and either new or existing topic, click “Save.”



Additional Options

▼ Collapse additional options

Create Workspace

Set up discussion areas ?

Forum *

Demo ▼ [New Forum] ?

Create new topic
Create a new topic to restrict with this group category.

Attach to existing topic
Create a group-restricted thread in an existing topic. This option is only available for empty topics.

Save Cancel

- To set up a new single topic for all of the groups in a new or existing Forum, select “Create one topic with threads separated by group” (threads are postings), then give the new Topic a title (or accept the one shown in the naming box). Click “Create and Next.” You will receive a “Work Summary” screen.

Create Restricted Topics

Category Name
Jlmtest

Forum *
Demo [New Forum] ?

Create one topic per group (4 topics total)
Teachers must manage each topic individually. Students only see the topic assigned to their group.

Create one topic with threads separated by group
Teachers can manage all activity and assessment from one topic. Students only see threads from their own group.

Title
Jlmtest Group Discussion

Description
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Description or Instructions

Create and Next Add Another Skip

- The option shown above for “Creating one topic per group (#groups topics total)” is for creating a new forum with each group getting a “topic” to use for their discussion postings. If this configuration is desired, then a new forum will have to be named in step 2 (above). In this configuration, the “forum” would be the topic to discuss with the groups using their “topic” area for their discussions. See the following example:

Civil War Battles **New Forum**

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
Group 1 - Gettysburg Group/section restrictions.	0
Group 2 - Shiloh Group/section restrictions. Includes assessment.	1
Group 3 - Vicksburg Group/section restrictions. Includes assessment.	1
Group 4 - First Battle of Bull Run Group/section restrictions.	0

Topics per group

