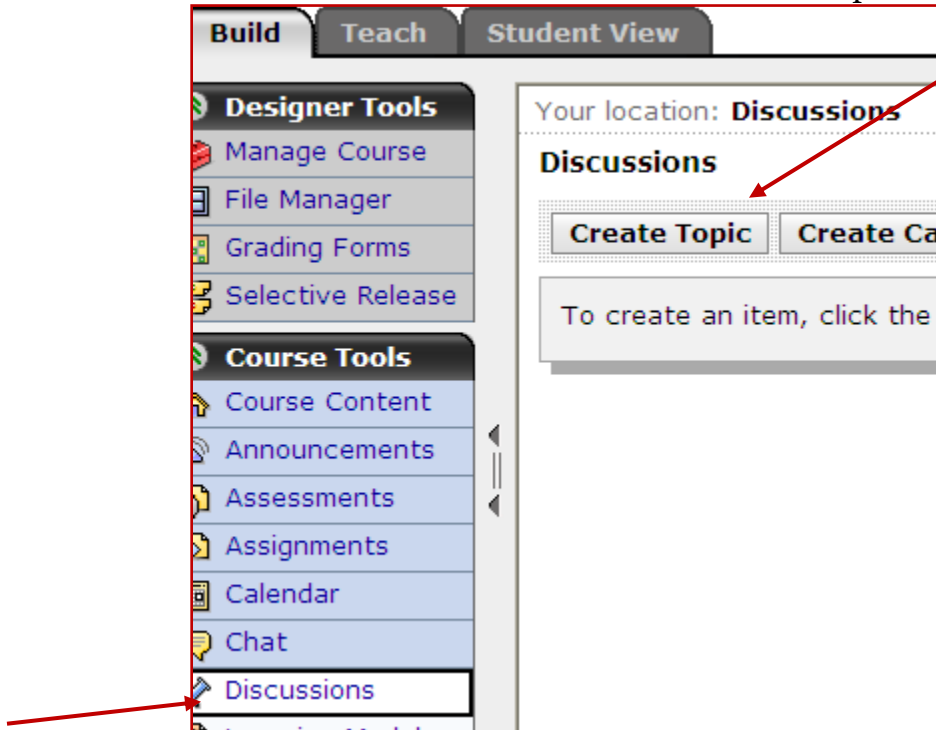


## eLearning – Using Discussion board for Student BIO

One of the most disconcerting things about on-line education is that you miss the face to face interaction with your students and you don't get to see what they look like!!

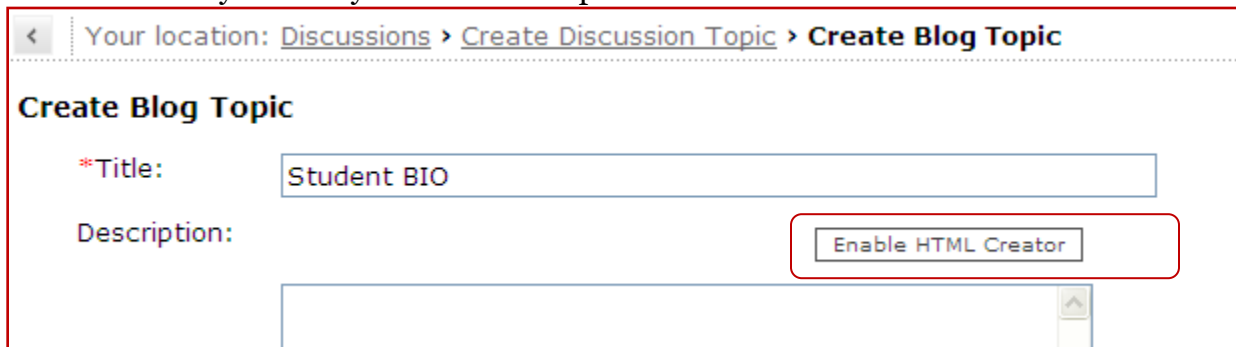
With eLearning's Discussion Boards you are able to have student's post pictures of themselves. And here's how....

Log into your classroom and make sure you are on the Build Tab.  
Click on Discussions and then on Create Topic



Select BLOG topic (you can use the Threaded Topic but I have found BLOG looks better...but it is your discretion) and then click on Next.

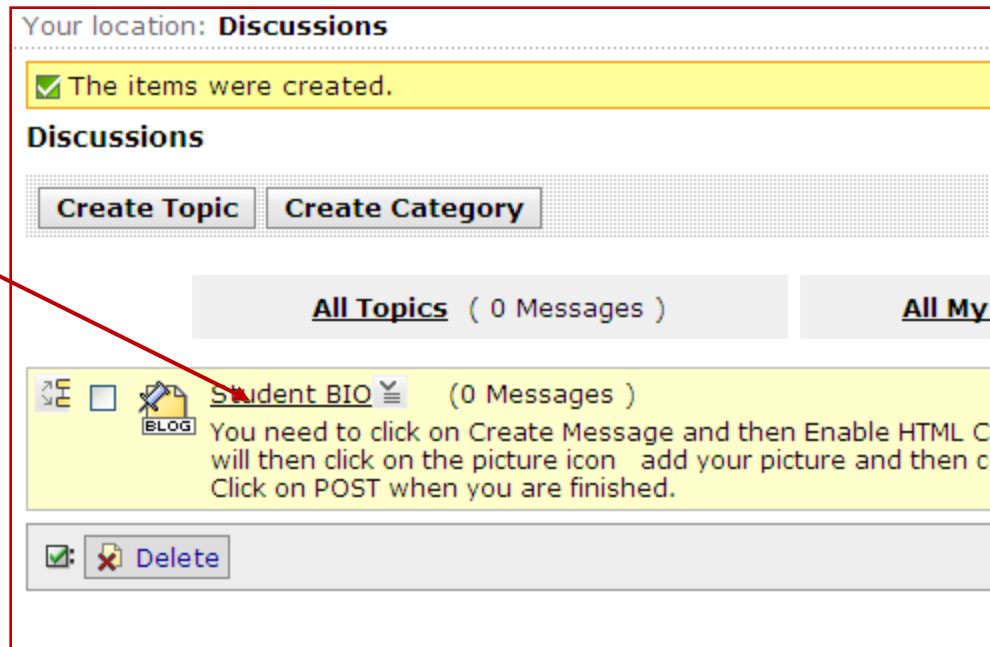
Once you Title your discussion please click on Enable HTML Creator



You can type in directions using the HTML creator to advise students HOW they will be able to upload and image. Once you are done creating the discussion click on SAVE.  
(We will go into further detail on how a student posts a picture in a moment).



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


Your location: **Discussions**

The items were created.

### Discussions

[Create Topic](#) [Create Category](#)

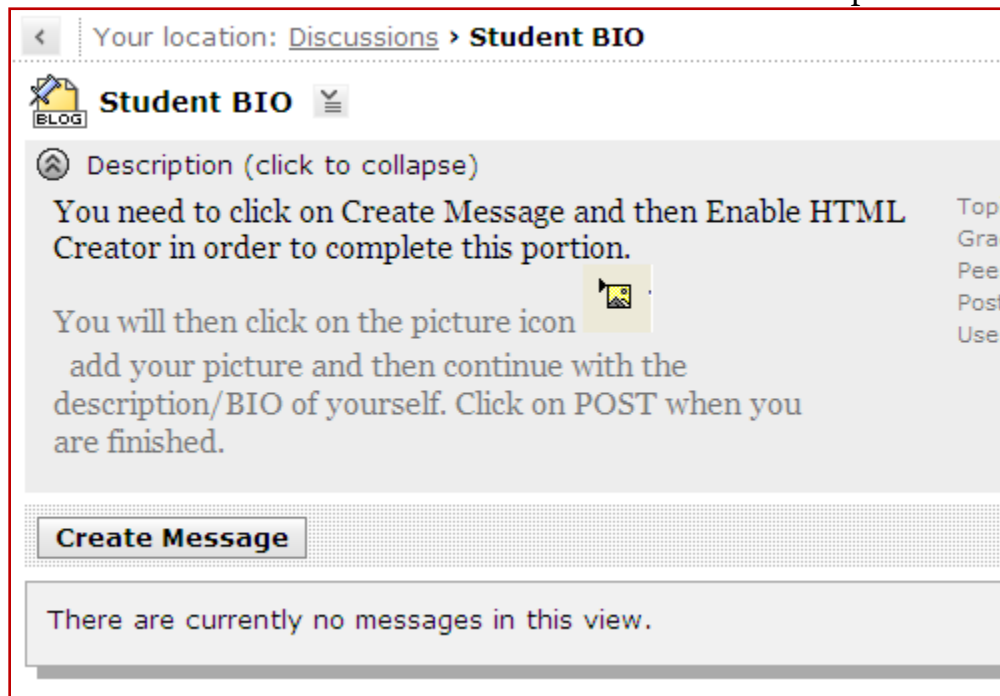
[All Topics](#) ( 0 Messages ) [All My](#)

   **Student BIO** (0 Messages )


You need to click on Create Message and then Enable HTML C  
will then click on the picture icon add your picture and then c  
Click on POST when you are finished.

[Delete](#)

You can see that because we selected the HTML creator; I was able to post a picture of the Picture Icon that the students will need to click on in order to upload their photo.




< Your location: [Discussions](#) > **Student BIO**

 **Student BIO**

Description (click to collapse)

You need to click on Create Message and then Enable HTML Top  
Creator in order to complete this portion. Gra  
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You will then click on the picture icon  .  
add your picture and then continue with the  
description/BIO of yourself. Click on POST when you  
are finished.

[Create Message](#)

There are currently no messages in this view.

When the student clicks on Create Message they should Title their message and then click on Enable HTML Creator.

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**Create Message**

**\*Subject:**


**Message:**  Enable HTML Creator

Use HTML    Insert equation: New ▶

**Attachments:** Add Attachments

Post Preview Cancel Save as Draft

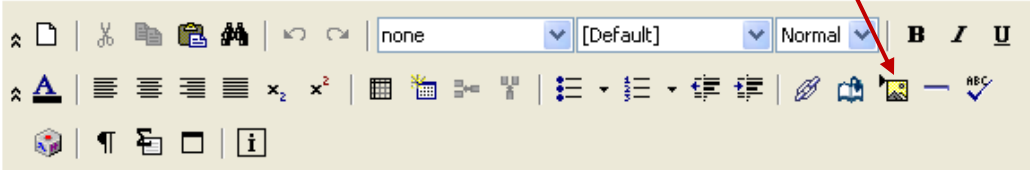
\* Required field

To make the BIO's look consistent you should instruct the students to post their photo's first. They need to click on the Photo Icon 

**Create Message**

**\*Subject:**

**Message:**  Disable HTML Creator



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Insert equation: New ▶

**Attachments:** Add Attachments

Post Preview Cancel Save as Draft

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The student will select File Browse or Upload and then Browser for the File (like any other upload). For the Display properties they will want to select 75 Pixels for Width and Height (this will give the posts some sort of uniformity). And Click OK

**Insert Image**

\*Insert Image

File Browse or Upload

**Browse**

URL: Enter link to image, including the protocol (such as

Display

Specify Display Properties

ALT Text

Border

Width  Pixels

Height  Pixels

**OK** **Cancel**


\* Required Field

The student will continue with their post by entering the information YOU requested and then clicking on Post.

**Create Message**

\*Subject:

Message:

 Hi! I am a student in this class and I enjoy catnip and treat

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Insert equation:  **>**

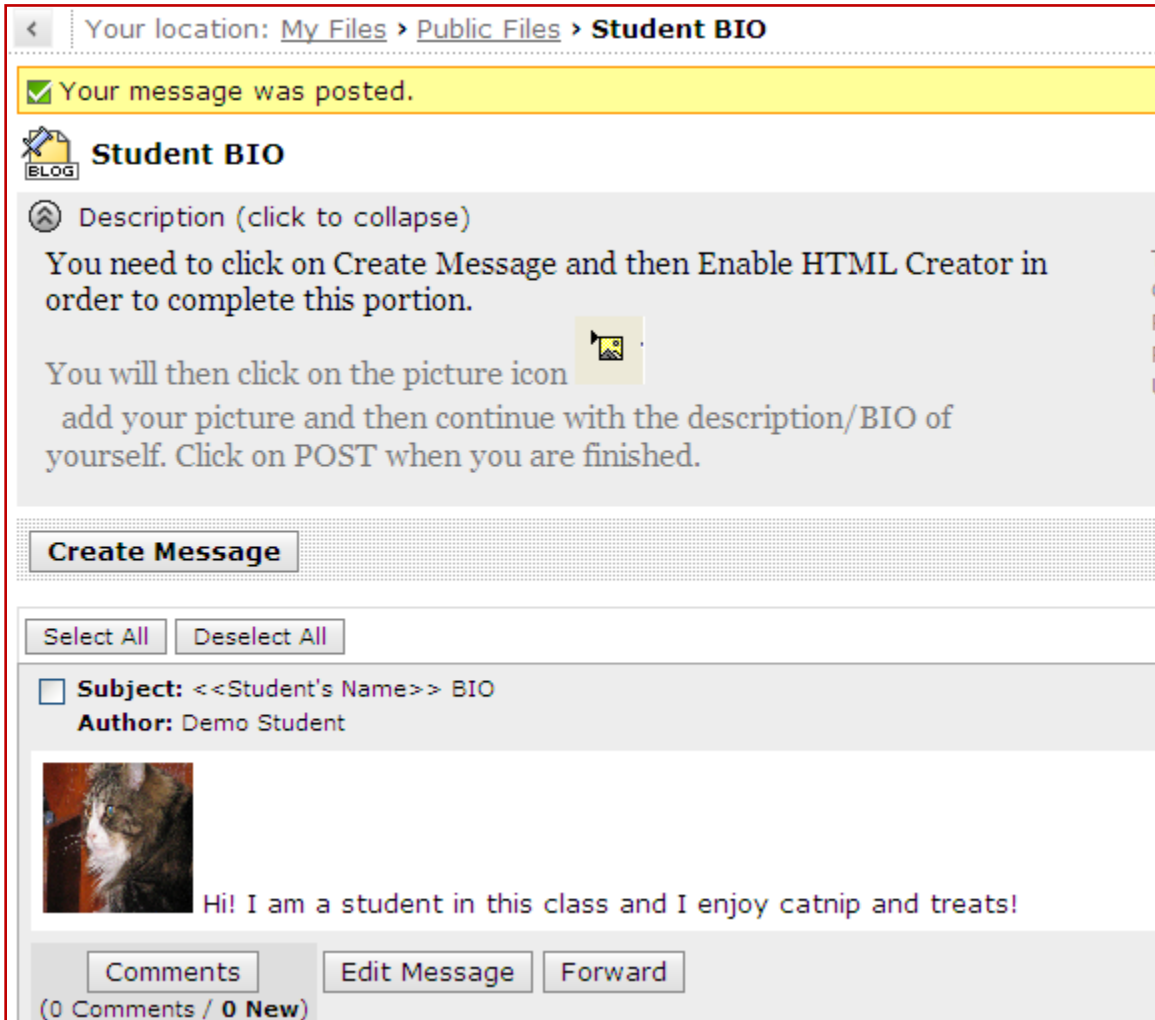
Attachments:

**Post** **Preview** **Cancel** **Save as Draft**

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PLEASE NOTE: It is always beneficial to hit PREVIEW first so you can see what it will look like first.

The student will receive a confirmation that their message was posted and then they can continue.




The screenshot shows a web interface for posting a student bio. At the top, a breadcrumb trail reads: "Your location: My Files > Public Files > Student BIO". Below this is a yellow confirmation banner with a green checkmark and the text "Your message was posted." The main content area is titled "Student BIO" with a small "BLOG" icon. It contains a description that says: "You need to click on Create Message and then Enable HTML Creator in order to complete this portion." followed by "You will then click on the picture icon" with a picture icon, and "add your picture and then continue with the description/BIO of yourself. Click on POST when you are finished." Below the description is a "Create Message" button. Underneath are "Select All" and "Deselect All" buttons. The message details show: "Subject: <<Student's Name>> BIO" and "Author: Demo Student". There is a small image of a cat's face. Below the image is the text: "Hi! I am a student in this class and I enjoy catnip and treats!". At the bottom, there are buttons for "Comments", "Edit Message", and "Forward". A status bar at the very bottom indicates "(0 Comments / 0 New)".

Students will be able to post their BIO's and then comment on each other's as warranted. Below you will see 3 students who have posted (no comments).

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Your location: [Discussions](#) > **Student BIO**

✔ Your message was posted.

 **Student BIO**

Description (click to collapse)


You need to click on Create Message and then Enable HTML Creator in order to complete this portion.

You will then click on the picture icon  add your picture and then continue with the description/BIO of yourself. Click on POST when you are finished.

**Create Message**


Select All Deselect All

**Subject:** Fake Student 2 BIO  
**Author:** Fake Student2

 So this is what it is like to be a student in 2009. How fun and


Comments Edit Message Forward  
(0 Comments / 0 New)

**Subject:** Fake Student 1 BIO  
**Author:** Fake Student1

 I am a sunrise - I am up with the sun; I love mornings.

Comments Forward  
(0 Comments / 0 New)

**Subject:** <<Student's Name>> BIO  
**Author:** Demo Student

 Hi! I am a student in this class and I enjoy catnip and treats!

This is a nice tool so students (and the instructor) can introduce themselves to colleagues whom they may never meet in person.