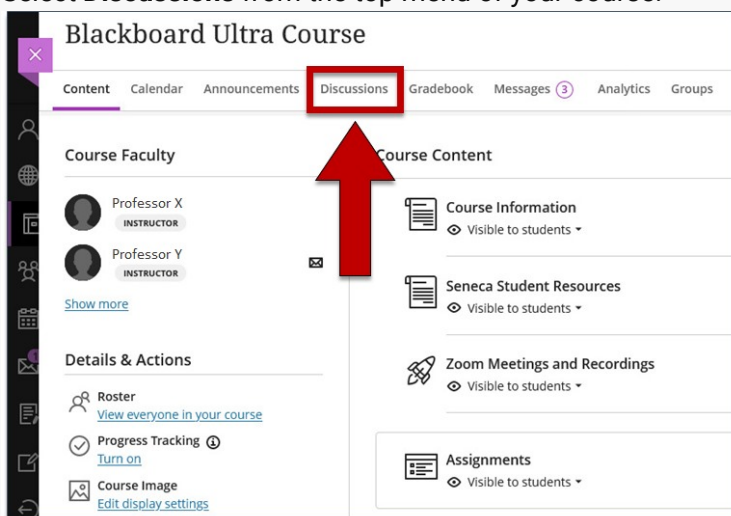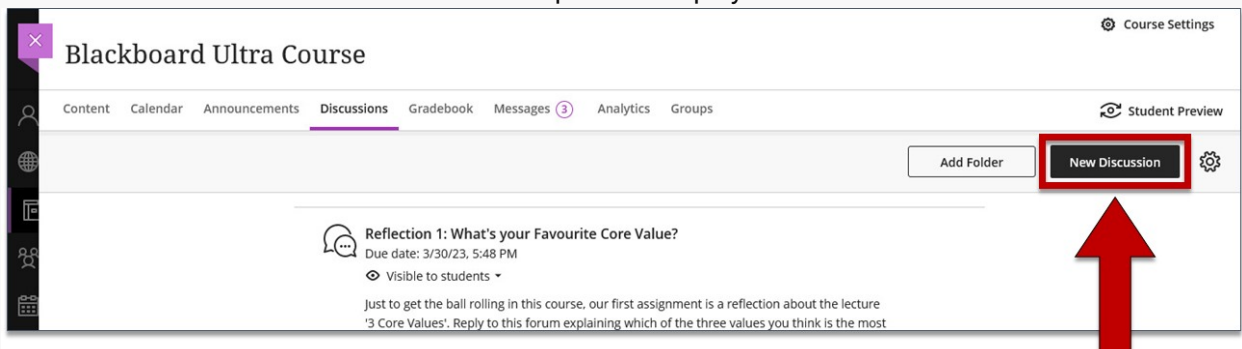# Generating Discussions

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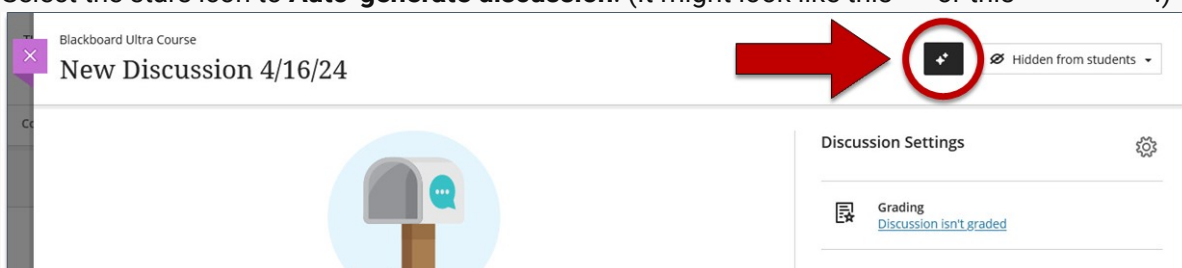
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1. Select **Discussions** from the top menu of your course.
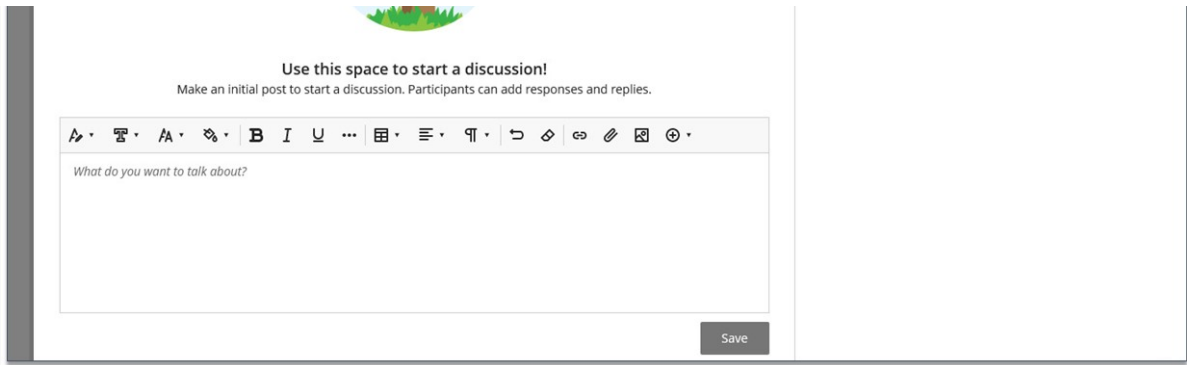

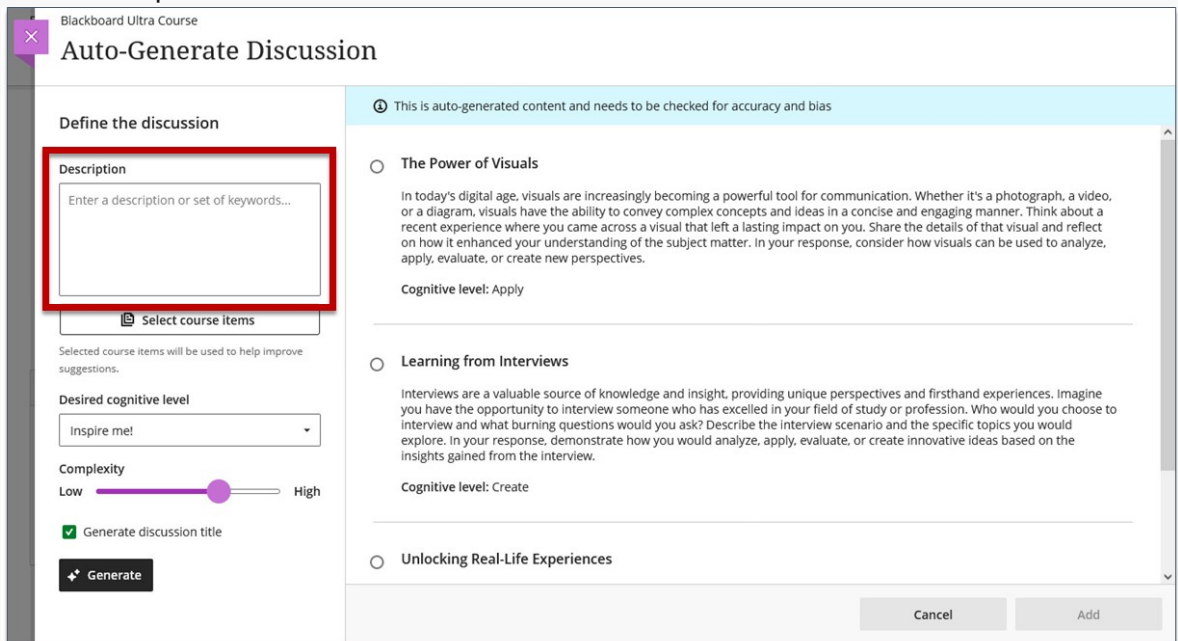2. Select **New Discussion**. The New Discussion panel is displayed.

3. Select the stars icon to **Auto-generate discussion**. (It might look like this   or this   .)

Use this space to start a discussion!
Make an initial post to start a discussion. Participants can add responses and replies.
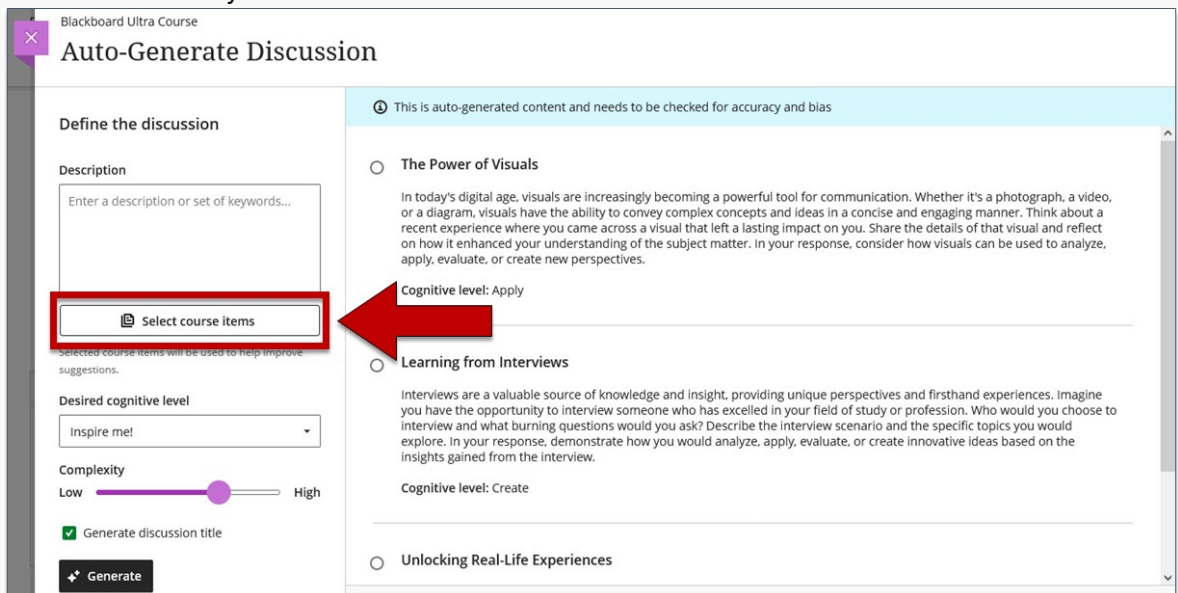
What do you want to talk about?

Save

4. By default, the AI Design Assistant will use your course's title and description to generate Discussion topics. You can choose from those generated Discussion topics or you can add more information in the Define the discussion pane:

   a. Add a description

   Blackboard Ultra Course
   Auto-Generate Discussion

   Define the discussion

   This is auto-generated content and needs to be checked for accuracy and bias

   Description

   Enter a description or set of keywords…

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   Cognitive level: Apply

   📄 Select course items

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   Desired cognitive level

   Inspire me!

   Cognitive level: Create

   Complexity

   Low ——●—— High

   ☑ Generate discussion title

   ✦ Generate

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   Cancel   Add

   b. Select items from your course

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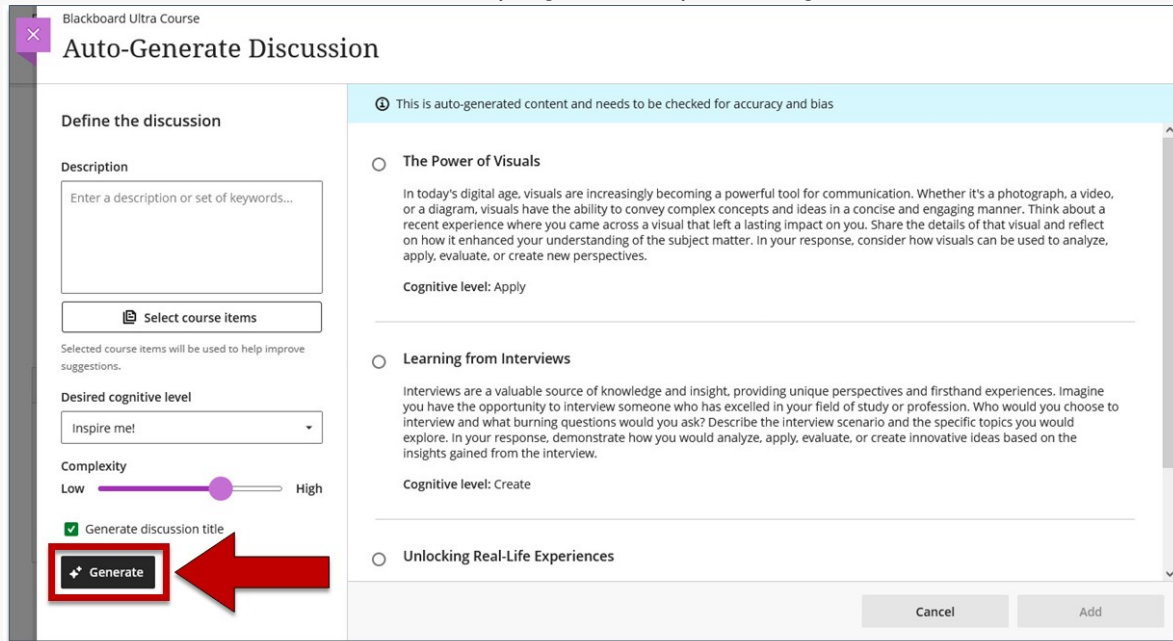
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c. Choose a desired cognitive level

d. Adjust the complexity

e. Specify whether the generated discussion topic should include a title or not

Select **Generate** to run the discussion topic generation process again.

Tip: Even if you don't add any more information in the Define the discussion pane, you can select Generate to run the discussion topic generation process again to generate a different set of discussion topics.

5. If there is a Discussion topic you would like to add to your course, select the radio button next to the desired Discussion, then select **Add**.
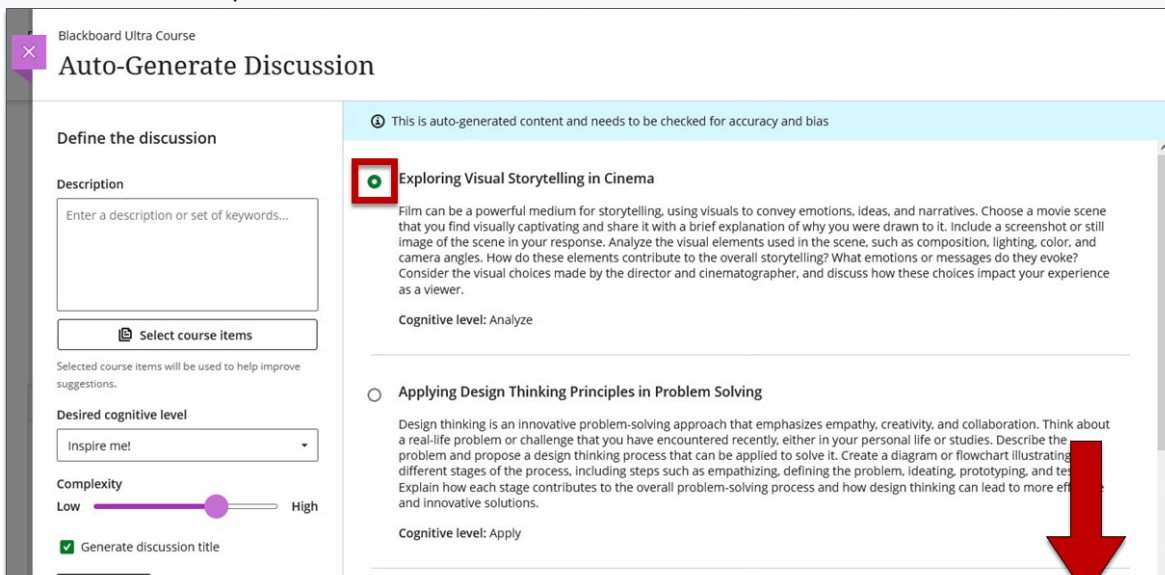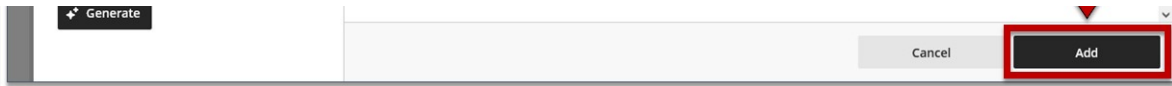
6. Review the title and content of that generated Discussion topic and edit for accuracy and appropriateness, making all necessary edits before making it available to students.

7. Select **Save** to save the changes to your Discussion topic.
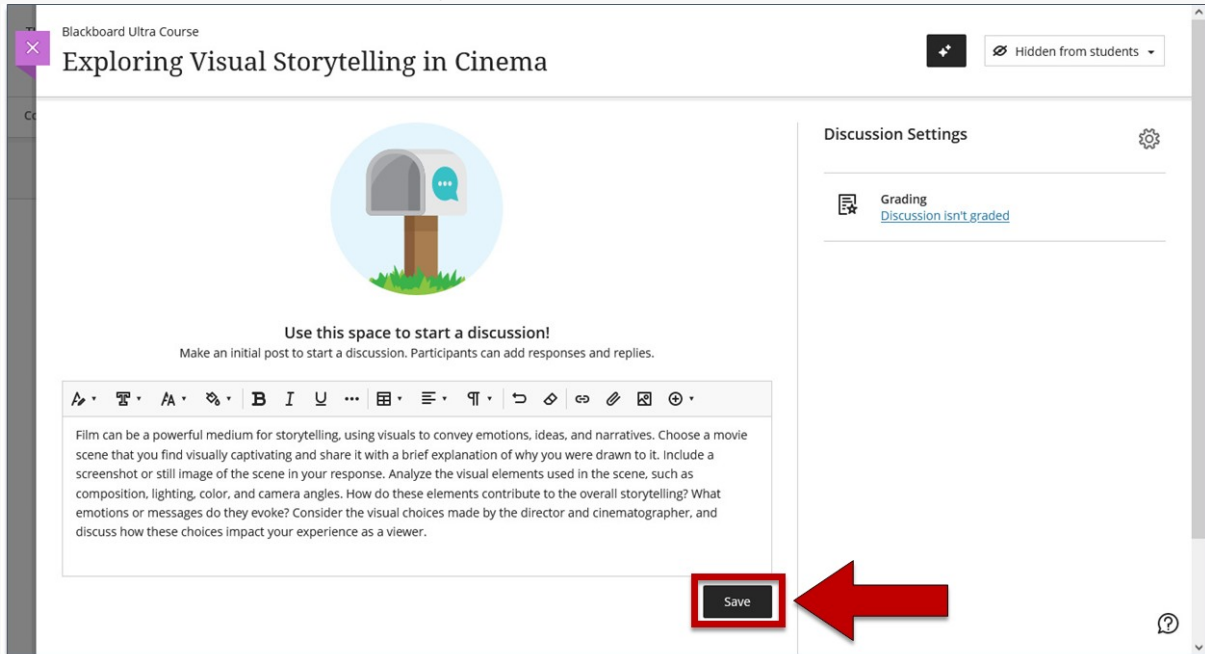
8. Be sure to set up the necessary Discussion Settings before making the Discussion available to your students. See the Creating a Discussion article for more information about Discussion Settings.

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