



ENCOURAGING L2 COMMUNICATION

DISCUSSION BOARDS

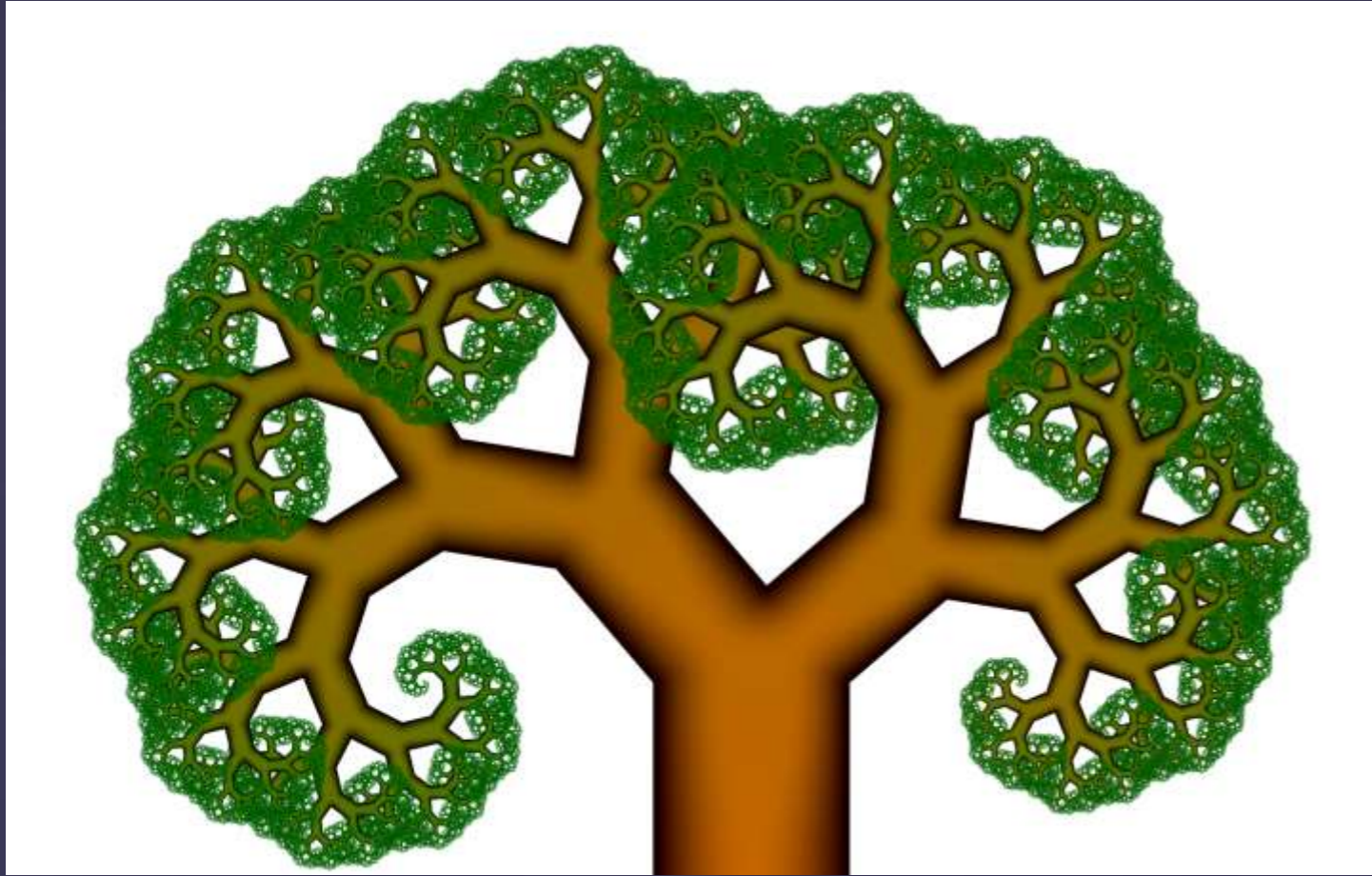
WHAT WE KNOW



- Simple, accessible design
- Clear structure and criteria
- Open enough to promote creativity
- Good topics = relevant, familiar, provocative
- Draw in outside resources
- Feedback and encouragement

CHALLENGES & BENEFITS

- Anticipating, preventing, and redirecting
- Late posting
- Lower-level posting
- Time
- Every type of student has a voice
- Opportunity for higher-level thinking
- Open window to the world
- Critical reflection
- Opportunity to limit conversations to smaller groups within a course



Posts

Threads

Forums

Discussion Board

- ⌘ How to set up a discussion board: [https://en-us.help.blackboard.com/Learn/9.1 Older Versions/9.1 SP 12 and SP 13/Instructor/060 Course Tools/Discussion Board](https://en-us.help.blackboard.com/Learn/9.1_Older_Versions/9.1_SP_12_and_SP_13/Instructor/060_Course_Tools/Discussion_Board)
- ⌘ Good practices in facilitating discussions: <http://tep.uoregon.edu/technology/blackboard/docs/discussionboard.pdf>
- ⌘ Kaltura media tool guide: [https://my.vanderbilt.edu/blackboard/files/2015/08/VU Kaltura User Guide.pdf](https://my.vanderbilt.edu/blackboard/files/2015/08/VU_Kaltura_User_Guide.pdf)

Resources

Blackboard Questions?

Find help:

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