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Advantages of Using Online Postings as Sources of Information:

- Encourages students to share their ideas
- Encourages students to value and respect the ideas of their peers
- Offers students easy and quick access to information
- Teaches students how to do media “code switching”
- Forces students to pay closer attention to the specifics of documentation

Disadvantages of Using Online Postings as Sources of Information:

- Accuracy of content is questionable
 - Authority of author is questionable
 - Regulation of content is difficult or impossible
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