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**[Last Name] Discourse Community Log**

**Community Type:**

**Community Name:**

**Community Summary:**

**The following are the eight (8) characteristics that make up the DC:**

1. Has a broadly agreed set of common public goals

(Should be discoverable and apparent. Public goals would be mission statements. Membership goals are not always 100% agreed upon, but they are the common goal of the DC)

1. Has mechanisms of intercommunication among its members

(Could be anything from Skype and forums to secret messages and texting)

1. Uses its participatory mechanisms to provide information and feedback

(How the DC interacts. What actions do they take? How is it managed? What change does it promote? Growth and development? The demise of something?)

1. Utilizes and possesses one or more genres in the communicative furtherance of its aims.

(Outside of basic meetings, what does the community do to promote both communication and keep the community happy to further its goals? Community holiday? Happy Hour? Seminar at 4pm every Wednesday?)

1. Has a specific lexis to the community.

(DC-specific terminology. Abbreviations and short-hand.)

1. Has a threshold level of members with a suitable degree of relevant content and discoursal expertise.

(Explicit or implicit hierarchy or structure. Who is the expert or leader? What are the roles? Qualifications?)

1. Has a set of unwritten rules or understandings among the community that are not made explicit.
2. Develops horizons of expectation, defined rhythms of activity, a sense of its history, and value systems for what is good and less good work.

(How often do things go under review? Is there a bi-annual or annual events? Conferences?