Creating a discussion forum in Canvas

Discussions in Canvas can be used for students and instructors to communicate, collaborate, and share ideas while responding to each others' posts.

Click Discussions in your course navigation menu to bring up the discussion interface. This lists your discussions, if any, as well as information about when they were last active.

Click the +Discussion button to create a new discussion forum.

Enter some basic parameters such as a Title and any relevant instructions for your students.
Use additional options to attach files, allow replies (recommended), and set other parameters.

If the discussions are graded, click the Graded option and then specify other parameters such as points, Assignment Group, etc.

When you are finished, the new discussion will show up in the Discussions menu option.