The forum is a great way to assess if your students are comprehending your material. Here is an example rubric for grading the students interaction on the forum. The student can get up to twenty points for the forum. They are graded on their post along with their interaction with other students in the course.

Forum Rubric	5	4	3	2	1
Student's original post about the module's content.	Student's discussion point is well thought out and shows comprehension of topic. Refers to specific aspect of content.	Student's post shows comprehension of topic. Refers to specific content.	Student's post shows comprehension of topic.	Student show some comprehension of the topic but response is disjointed.	Student shows very little comprehension of the topic. Minimal effort was put into response.
Student Reply	The reply to another students comment is well thought out and shows a greater grasp of the topic.	student's reply shows comprehension of the topic and is well though out.	Student's reply shows comprehension of the topic	Student's reply shows some comprehension of the topic.	Student's shows very little comprehension of the topic. Minimal effort was put into response.
Student Response 1	Student's comments are well thought out and show a comprehension of the topic. Refers to specific aspects of content	Student's comments show comprehension of topic. Refers to specific content.	Student's comments show comprehension of topic.	Student's comment shows some comprehension of topic.	Student's comment shows very little comprehension of the topic. Minimal effort was put into response.
Student Response 2	The student's comments are well thought out and show a comprehension of the topic. Refers to specific aspects of content	Student's comments show comprehension of topic. Refers to specific content.	Student's comments show comprehension of topic.	Student's comment shows some comprehension of topic.	Student's comment shows very little comprehension of the topic. Minimal effort was put into response.