

# Forums and Feeds

This guide provides essential insights and setup processes for utilizing Forums and Feeds effectively.

**Forums** and **Feeds** serve distinct yet interconnected purposes, each offering unique functionalities tailored to enhance your experience on our platform.

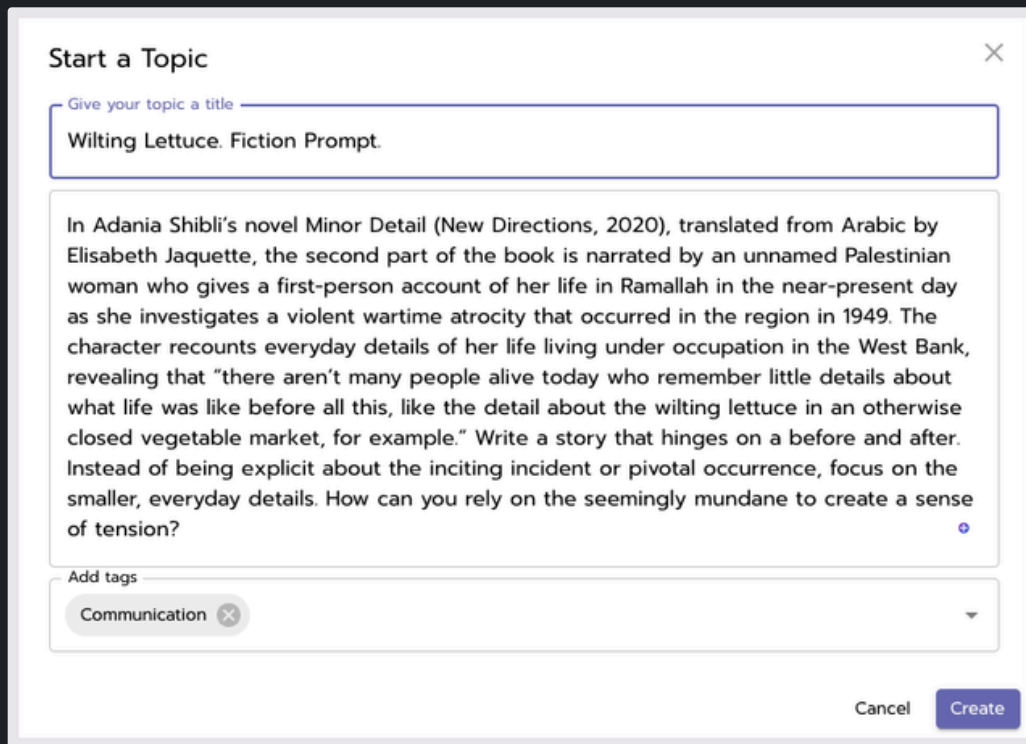
Every time a new group is created, a separate forum and feed features are automatically generated for that group. You can control the visibility and organization of these features through the [Additional Settings tab](#).

## Forums

Forums kick off with engaging topics that act as discussion threads. As users contribute by commenting or posting within a forum topic, they transform into dynamic feeds.

### Creating forum topics

1. Select **+ New Topic** at the top right-hand side of the page to initiate a new forum topic.
  - Add a descriptive **Title** to your posts.
  - Customize content with **rich text** and **attachments, links, and media**.
  - Add **Tags** to your topics to enhance discoverability.



**Start a Topic** ✕

Give your topic a title

In Adania Shibli's novel *Minor Detail* (New Directions, 2020), translated from Arabic by Elisabeth Jaquette, the second part of the book is narrated by an unnamed Palestinian woman who gives a first-person account of her life in Ramallah in the near-present day as she investigates a violent wartime atrocity that occurred in the region in 1949. The character recounts everyday details of her life living under occupation in the West Bank, revealing that "there aren't many people alive today who remember little details about what life was like before all this, like the detail about the wilting lettuce in an otherwise closed vegetable market, for example." Write a story that hinges on a before and after. Instead of being explicit about the inciting incident or pivotal occurrence, focus on the smaller, everyday details. How can you rely on the seemingly mundane to create a sense of tension?

Add tags

Communication ✕

Cancel Create

Creating a Forum topic.

✔ Accepted attachments include:

#### Images

- png, jpg, jpeg, gif, tiff, tif, webp, bmp.

#### videos

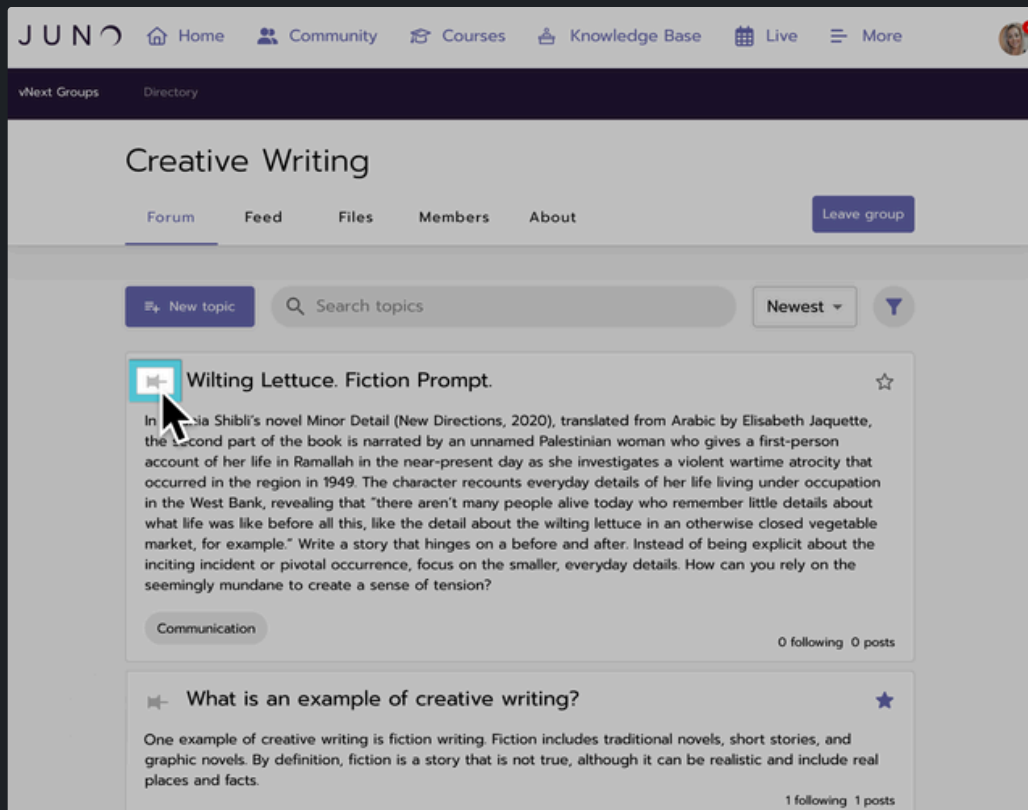
- mp4, png, quicktime, mov.

Engage with forum content by:

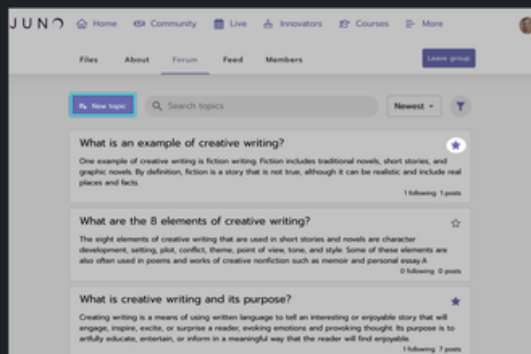
- Pin forum topics within Community Groups, ensuring valuable content remains prominently displayed for all members.
- Follow forum topics.
- post, and reply within forum topics
- Like posts, comments, and replies.
- Mention others using @ and their username, email, first and last name.

Interactive discussions are encouraged through an auto-tag functionality on replies, and members can also @/mention others.

Replies and comments in forums do not currently support adding images or files.



Pinning a topic in a Group's Forum.



- Create New Forum topics.
- Follow forum using the Star Icons.
- Select Forum topics to see posts within them.



- Create new posts within Forum Topics.
- @ others.
- Attach different media and file types.

Engaging with and adding content to Forums.

## Feeds

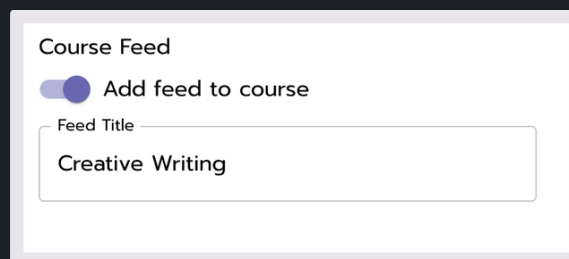
Scattered across various content, such as course home pages, feeds can be individual features activated with the **Enable Feed** toggle on the Course Information tab.

### Adding feeds to courses

Integrating individual feeds into your courses fosters a vibrant sense of community within each learning experience. This feature empowers teachers, students, and administrators to actively engage in discussions or pose questions directly related to the course content.

#### To implement this feature:

1. Navigate to the Course editor for the desired course.
2. Go to the **Course Information** page.
3. Scroll down to the **Course Feed** section on the right-hand side.
4. Toggle the **Add Feed to Course** switch to on (defaults to off).
5. Add a **Title** for your Feed in the **Feed Title** section and **Save** your changes to ensure the course updates.




The add feed to course toggle on the Course information page.

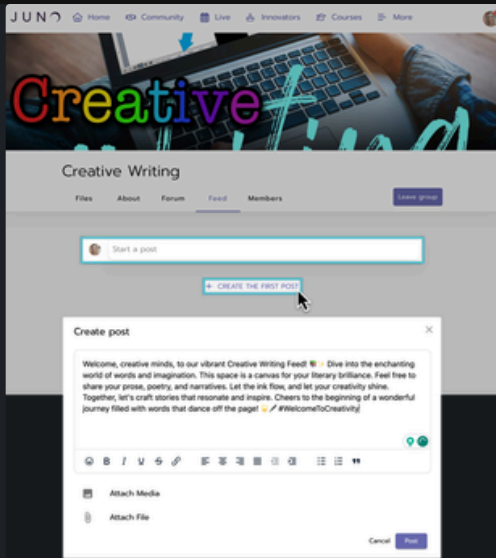
Similar to Forum topics, options for both original Feed posts and Forum topics include:

- Customizing content with **rich text**, **attachments**, **links**, and **media**.
- Add **Tags** to your posts to enhance discoverability.
- **Mention** others using @ and their username, email, and first and/or last name.

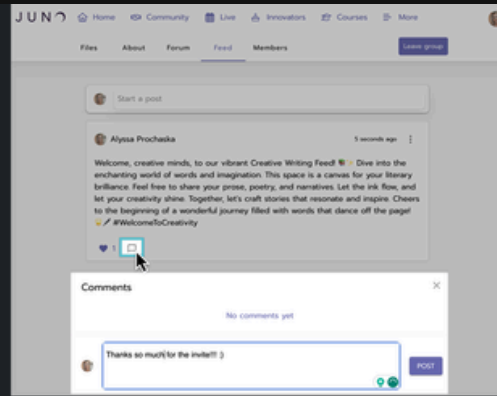
#### Engage with feed content by:

- Create **posts**, **comments**, and **replies**.
- Expressing appreciation by **liking** posts, comments, and replies.

 Like forums, replies and comments in feeds do not currently support adding images or files.



- Create New Feed Posts.
- @ others.
- Attach different media and file types.



- Like Feed Posts through the Heart icon.
- Add comments through the comment icon.
- @ others in comments and replies.

Engaging with and adding content to Feeds.