# Briefly discuss the following issues:

## 1. the article which I/we read:

"What Is Web 2.0" By Tim O'Reilly

## 2. what do you consider the MAIN MESSAGE of the article?

The main message of this article is to determine what "Web 2.0" actually means.

## 3. Peer-To-Peer Learning: briefly describe your most interesting story of this learning activity in YOUR life!

I'd have to classify my knowledge of cars as the most interesting story in which I used P2P (Peer-To-Peer) learning. Internet forums for mostly Subaru WRX's have greatly contributed to my knowledge of both my car and other cars alike. Having the ability to read what other people ask about specific aspects of vehicles and being able to read other people's responses and opinions has vastly broadened my knowledge of cars.

   An incident which happened fairly long ago was when my friend and I installed a part on my car which was by far one of the hardest modifications I've done. Both my friend and I were not able to get this aftermarket up-pipe to connect to the exhaust manifold. We spent hours trying to tweak the pipe just right so that it lined up, but even if it were aligned properly it wouldn't bolt up correctly. I did a search for how other people around the world performed this installation. Some said that it should work out perfectly, and others said to try loosening the other bolts that retain the up-pipe. This did not work either. Finally, one member of the forum said he had a similar experience and he had to actually loosen the engine mounts and jack the engine up. This led to another problem, I couldn't find the last two engine mounts. I must have looked for half an hour before I decided to use the forums again. Once again, some-one pointed me in the right way and the whole installation went by much faster and easier.

   If I didn't have access to my car forums, I wouldn't have been able to complete my installation. It did not even occur to me that I would have to actually jack up my whole engine in order to get the part to fit.

## 4. in which Web 2.0 systems do you participate?

I participate in many Web 2.0 systems. They include:
-Flickr
-Facebook
-Myspace
-Wikipedia
-Forums
-Cardomain
-Carster
-A few blogs that I use for information

**5. how do you participate:**

- **as a consumer?**
- **as an active participants? in which way? what motivates you to partici-
  pate?**
- **of the Web 2.0 system YOU are familiar with: which do you consider
  the most relevant one? why**

• As a consumer I take what information that I learn, or examples and try to improve
them or incorporate other people's opinions or ideas into my own work (photography)
• As a participant I like to help people when they have questions about their car, or a
specific part. I try to give my experience with the part if I have it, or even my opinion.
I also like to post up any pictures that I have taken to share them with other people. I
like to be critiqued on what I can improve or hear what I did well. The motivation is to
gain a better knowledge of what ever it is that I'm doing, or just to help out other
people. We've all been at the bottom of the list at some point, why not make it easier
for other people to climb that list?
• I consider the most relevant Web 2.0 system to be forums. I use them constantly to
learn new things about basically anything I want. I've used forums to help me under-
stand aspects that were once very ambiguous to me and so far they've done a great
job.

**6. which is the most interesting Web 2.0 system? why? (in case it is different
from your answer in 5.3)!**

The most interesting Web 2.0 system to me is Flickr. I think its amazing how it allows
people all over the world to see and to critique your work. The option to view pictures
from where people post is very intriguing. For instance I can click on pictures from
Iraq, where I can see what pictures the soldiers take. These pictures don't always
show up in the news, so they're much more powerful and give more meaning to what
they are experiencing in the war. Aside from the visual aspect, there is also a technical
aspect. If I particularly liked the way someone's picture came out, I can view the EXIF
(Exchangeable Image File Format) data in order to see what aperture, shutter speed,
camera model, metering mode, and f-stop they used to obtain their result. This allows
me to try out their values so I can see what types of pictures I can take.