

Practice Fishbowl Discussion

Standards covered:

SWBAT discuss ideas, while respecting others, within a group setting

SWBAT cite textual evidence to support personal opinions and analysis of literature

Task:

In order to prepare for our Socratic Seminar, we're going to do a modified practice fishbowl discussion. Half of you will be in the fishbowl, while the other half will be sitting in a circle around them. Those students in the middle will have a discussion based on your prepared questions, class discussion questions, and the symbols, characters, plot, and theme of *The Odyssey*. Make sure to be prepared, support your ideas with textual evidence, and to be respectful of others' ideas. Those of you watching the discussion will take notes based on the following rubric; think about what was done well and where there were opportunities for improvement. Then, we will switch roles.

Criteria	Weight	Amateur	Proficient	Expert
Respect	X 2	Was disrespectful or interrupted at any time throughout the discussion		Did not use disrespectful language nor interrupt at any time during discussion and observation
Relevancy of Comments	X 1	Student comments and information were not relevant or student did not participate	Comments and information were somewhat, but not entirely accurate to the question or topic	All comments were relevant to the topic being discussed and used accurate information
Support	X 2	Did not use specific examples or evidence from the text to support your arguments and opinions	Used specific examples and evidence sometimes, but did not always support arguments and opinions using the text	Used specific examples and evidence as support for your arguments and opinions
Preparation	X 1	It's pretty clear you did not read the text, did not pay attention in class, nor did you prepare discussion questions	You've read most the text, paid attention mostly in class, and prepared one or two discussion questions ahead of time	You clearly read the text, paid attention in class, and prepared discussion questions ahead of time