

Task #9 Circle Discussion

Content

Standards: 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10

Process

Standards: 1 & 2

Value

Standards: 1 & 2

Assignment: Move your desk into a circle so you will be able to see everyone in the classroom. You will bring an open ended question about the novel we are reading. One student will begin the discussion by asking his or her question. Everyone in the circle will have a chance to respond to the question. When the discussion over that question has ended we will move onto someone else's question and discuss it. Everyone will have an opportunity to ask one question and respond to all of the other questions asked. If your question has been already asked then you will be given time to think of a different question before the discussion is over. Make sure you are actively listening and respond to a variety of questions. You will be expected to state your opinion and support it with examples, quote, and personal experiences. While you are not responding to a question you will be expected to write down questions and responses in your notebook.

Rubric for circle discussions

Discussion:

Points you earned

1. Do you clearly state your opinion and support it ? (5)
2. Do you speak loudly and clearly? (2)
3. Are your comments related to the topic of discussion? (5)

Question:

1. Did you ask your question? (2)
2. Was your question an open ended question that was important in understanding the novel? (5)

Notebook:

1. Did you respond to most questions? (5)
2. Did you offer additional feedback (other than what was being said) (5)

(5) 5=excellent 4=good 3=average 2=needs work 1=poor

(2) 2=good 1=needs work

Name_____

Score_____ Grade_____

Grading Scale:

29-27=A

26-24=B

23-21=C

20-18=D

17 & below=F