

Talking About Text

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Discussion Group Roles

Use these roles for successful group discussions.

Discussion Director

Creates open-ended questions, gets group together.

Storyteller

Reminds the group of important moments, reads aloud.

Connector

Makes connections between text, the world, and group comments.

Illustrator

Provides graphic, nonverbal responses to text.

The teacher directs, clarifies, retells, models, and drives the discussion.

Name

Date

SELF-CHECK

Discussion Group Self-Check

- I contributed to the discussion.
- I took turns speaking.
- I followed our discussion guidelines.
- I looked at the person who was speaking.
- I helped keep the discussion on topic.
- I asked questions when I was confused.
- I backed up my ideas with information from the text.

My goal for our next discussion is:

Discussion Prompts

Discussion Prompts

I agree because ...

I'm unclear about ...

I'd like to add on to

_____ 's idea ...

I disagree because ...

I'm confused about ...

In other words, you are saying ...