

Discussion Director

Name: _____

Meeting: 1 2 3 4 Pages: -

Role:

The Discussion Director is the group facilitator for the day. The DD's job is to keep order, keep everyone focused and working, and communicate with the teacher whenever necessary. The Discussion Director is also in charge of making sure everyone speaks and is heard. In this role, you are most like a teacher, helping students understand the material.

Process:

Pre-meeting:

Complete the reading and write at least three compelling under-the-surface questions that will help the members of the group better understand the reading you have just completed. The questions should focus on the reading for the day but may ask group members to make connections to prior reading or make predictions about what's coming up.

During the Meeting:

1. Make sure all participants have the required materials
2. Select a timekeeper to keep track of progress during the group meeting.
3. Call on the summarizer to give a brief summary of the night's reading. All members are taking notes on anything they didn't get from the reading.
4. Ask for any additions/corrections. (5 min. for Steps 3 & 4)
5. Ask the under-the-surface questions prepared for the day, allowing for discussion of each one. All group members should be taking notes on the discussion. (5-10 min.).
6. Call on the Passage Analyst to present the passages for the day. Group members discuss and take notes (5 min. per passage).
7. Call on the AP Question Connector to present his/her connections. Group members discuss and take note (5 min.).
8. Ask for any remaining questions/comments.
9. Remind group members of the assignment and roles for the next discussion.

Under-the-Surface Questions:

1.

2.

3.