

Scrawl Socratic Seminar Packet

Name _____ Core _____

Write your group number here: _____ Write your group's seminar date here: _____

The Idea

You and a group of peers will engage in a discussion addressing this unit's essential questions. You will use evidence from the novel Scrawl along with your own observations, life experiences, and any outside resources (articles, books, or other units) to support your claims. The goal is not to be "right," but to work together to have a rich, in-depth exploration of ideas.

Guidelines to a Socratic Seminar

1. Once everyone has a chance to share for the first time, the discussion is open.
2. Ask questions and share ideas that push the conversation forward.
3. Use examples from our novel or the world around us to support your ideas (don't just give opinions or make general statements without some support).
4. Stay on topic.
5. Build on the comments of others.
6. Make room for everyone's voice. Don't dominate.
7. Contribute. Don't make others do all of the work.
8. Speak up so all can hear you and use good eye contact.
9. Speak to each other, not the teacher.
10. Seek to understand, not to be understood.

Learning Targets

#1 Preparation: I can come to the Socratic Seminar prepared, having read the novel, taken notes, and completed the packet.

Accomplished (5) Sufficient (4) Developing (3) Inadequate (2) Minimal (1)

#2 Ideas: I can present my ideas in a focused, coherent manner with good evidence and reasoning.

Accomplished (5) Sufficient (4) Developing (3) Inadequate (2) Minimal (1)

#3 Decorum: I can participate in a Socratic Seminar according to the above guidelines.

Accomplished (5) Sufficient (4) Developing (3) Inadequate (2) Minimal (1)

What defines an Essential Question?

Looking back at your theme(s), what are 3 Essential Questions the novel brings up? Star your best question (the one that will generate the most thoughtful discussion) that you want to bring to the table.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Your Essential Question #1:

Write your answer to the first question.

1. Provide specific evidence from Scrawl.

2. Provide evidence from your own experience or from the world around you.

Essential Question #2: (gathered from a group member)

Write your answer to the 2nd question.

1. Provide specific evidence from Scrawl.

2. Provide evidence from your own experience or from the world around you.

Essential Question #3: (gathered from a group member)

Write your answer to the first question.

1. Provide specific evidence from Scrawl.

2. Provide evidence from your own experience or from the world around you.

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During the Socratic Seminar:

Write down 3 good points brought up by 3 different people:

1.

2.

3.

After the Socratic Seminar Reflection:

1. What did you like about the Socratic Seminar process?

2. What do you think you did well?

3. What could you do differently for a future seminar?

4. What did your seminar group do well? What were areas for growth?

5. What did another seminar group do well? What were areas for growth?