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| **Socratic Seminar Rubric** | **Engagement**—participation in discussion and on-task | **Text Preparation/Use of Text**—support of ideas with text; | **Insight and Reasoning**—asks thoughtful questions; makes significant connections or brings new ideas | **Conduct**—encouragement of group; participation is civilized and respectful | **Listening**—Building on ideas from others | **Openness**—Acceptance of other points of view |
| **5**  **Exemplary** | Demonstrates thoughtful and active participation throughout seminar. Consistently stays on task. Body language is active. Consistently makes eye contact. | Remarks reveal a critical reading of text. Initiates specific references to text to support and defend ideas without external prompting. | Questions and comments are insightful, logical and contribute to deeper construction of meaning. Presents new ideas and makes connections to previous/outside topics or dialogues. | Contributes to the success of the group and makes invitations by name to include and support all participants. Is consistently nonjudgmental and respectful. | Listens unusually well. Frequently responds using names. Comments indicate accurate and perceptive listening and connect directly to what has been said. | Accepts points of view other than own and uses them to expand own ideas and discover new meaning about concepts. |
| **4**  **Accomplished** | Demonstrates active participation throughout seminar.  Stays on task. Body language is active. Often makes eye contact. | Remarks and written work reveal text was read—ideas are relevant.  Makes specific references to text to support ideas. Uses text effectively when challenged to do so. | Questions and comments are apt, logical, and relevant but do not necessarily offer significantly new insights or ideas. | Demonstrates respect and enthusiasm attempting to include and support all participants. Makes invitations to participants. | Listens and is able to respond to ideas and questions from others with little digression. May sometimes use names in responses. | Accepts points of view of others and attempts to use them to expand own ideas but may reflect set thinking. |
| **3**  **Average** | Demonstrates active participation through most of seminar. Stays on task most of the time. Body language and eye contact show some engagement. | Remarks and written work reveal text was read, but ideas may be irrelevant.  Occasionally makes references to text to support and defend ideas but may have to be challenged to do so. | Questions and comments are apt and logical but do not move the group forward to a deeper understanding. Some ideas may be off topic. | Demonstrates general respect for the group but is not always supportive and inclusive. May at times be judgmental or impatient of others. | Generally listens but is not always attentive as evident in some unconnected responses. Frequently focuses on same people. | Acknowledges other points of view but may try to argue or refute them. Points reflect a lack of flexibility. |
| **2**  **Needs Improvement** | Participates in seminar although may be off task. Occasionally carries on side conversations. May be disengaged or lack eye contact. | Remarks and written work reveal cursory reading (Schmoop reading) of the text  Makes few references to text and is unable to defend origin of ideas when challenged to do so. | Questions and comments reveal personal reactions but lack logic and/or insight. | Speech and manner suggest a lack of support and/or respect. Lacks awareness of group dynamics by conversing with same people most of the time. | Comments are relevant to topic but lack connection to what has been said by others. | Argues with other points of view and is reluctant to acknowledge them as possible or relevant. |
| **1**  **Undeveloped** | Is a passive observer of seminar or is off task. Side conversations are frequent. | You did not read much of the text—if any at all. Makes no references to text to support and defend ideas. Ideas appear “off the cuff.” | Questions and comments are illogical, difficult to follow and offer no benefit to the group. | Makes no attempt to be inclusive. Uses disrespectful language. Centers dialogue on self or specific classmates. | Does not listen adequately; therefore, comments are random and may be irrelevant. | Does not acknowledge or accept other points of view. Engages in debate over dialogue. |
| **Score** |  |  |  |  |  |  |