

Socratic Seminar Observations

Observer: _____ Person Being Observed: _____

Date: _____

Circle the description that best applies to your partner's performance in today's Socratic Seminar.

PARTICIPATION

How often did your partner participate?

- Always
- Often
- Rarely
- Never

Did your partner participate voluntarily, or did he/she need to be prompted?

- Always participated without prompting
- Often participated without prompting
- Rarely participated without prompting
- Only participated with prompting
- Not Applicable: The subject did not participate at all.

How would you describe the depth of your partner's participation?

(Did he/she infer, make connections, draw conclusions, make judgments?)

- Deep
- Solid
- Weak

ACTIVE LISTENING & EXTENSION

Check off any of the following used by the individual to demonstrate active listening.

- Body language (eye contact, nodding, etc.)
- Comments
- Questions

How often did the individual extend the conversation with comments or questions that followed up on another student's statements?

- Often
- Rarely
- Never

UNDERSTANDING

Circle the word that best describes the individual's understanding of the text.

- Deep
- Solid
- General
- Weak

It's hard to know because the individual rarely participated.

EVIDENCE

How often did the individual use evidence from the text to support his/her statements?

Always
Often
Rarely- relied more on opinion than text
Never- relied completely on opinion

COMMENTS (Please be specific)

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