

Socratic Seminar Rubric

Student Evaluated: _____

Level	Criteria	Notes/Tallies
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C Level Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Participant offers some analysis, but may need prompting. ✓ Through his or her comments, participant demonstrates a general knowledge of the text and question. ✓ Participant is less prepared, with few notes and no marked/annotated text. ✓ Participant is actively listening to others, but does not offer clarification and/or follow-up to others' comments. ✓ Participant relies more upon his or her opinion, and less on the text to drive his or her comments. 	
D or F Level Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Participant offers little commentary. ✓ Participant comes to the seminar ill-prepared with little understanding of the text and question. ✓ Participant does not listen to others, offers no commentary to further the discussion. 	

Socratic Seminar: Participant Rubric (Self-Evaluation)

Directions: Assign yourself the earned grade based upon your level of participation. Complete a reflection on the back of this paper or on an additional piece of paper.

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Reflection: On the back of this sheet, write a reflection on today's seminar discussion. Discuss one new opinion or insight you had as a result of the discussion, a topic that deserves further exploration, questions you may still have, etc. Please be specific in your references.