

## **Socratic Seminar/Discussion Grading Criteria**

### **A-This is an outstanding, reflective contribution to the discussion/class.**

- Timely and appropriate comments, thoughtful and reflective, responds respectfully to other students' remarks, provokes questions and comments from the group, connects ideas--between texts or other speakers
- Clear reference to text being discussed and connects to it to other text or reference points from previous readings and discussions
- Posture, demeanor and behavior clearly demonstrate respect and attentiveness to others
- Prepared ideas/references to source texts/real-life experiences
- Listens to others
- Has notes and takes notes

### **B-This is an above average effort to contribute and be actively involved.**

- Volunteers comments but lacks depth, may or may not lead to other questions from students
- Has done the reading; lacks thoroughness of understanding or insight
- Listens to others some of the time, does not stay focused on other's comments (too busy formulating own) or loses continuity of discussion. Shows some consistency in responding to the comments of others
- Adds to notes/prepared notes to work from

### **C-This is what everyone is expected to be able to do at your age.**

- Has notes and take notes
- Does not disrupt the conversation
- Actively listen-looks at other speakers while they present their ideas
- **Contributes** at least once and/or refers to source document(s) and/or other speaker's comments

### **D-This falls short of expectations.**

- Sometimes takes notes/no notes prepared
- Disrupts/has side conversations/**does not communicate during the discussion**
- Not focused on speakers
- Struggles but participates, occasionally offers a comment when directly questioned, may simply restate questions or points previously raised, may add nothing new to the discussion or provoke no responses or question
- Has not read the entire text and cannot sustain any reference to it in the course of discussion
- Drifts in and out of discussion, listening to some remarks while clearly missing or ignoring others

### **F-This is a subpar effort.**

- Does not participate and/or only makes negative or disruptive remarks, comments are inappropriate or off topic
- Unable to refer to text for evidence or support of remarks
- Disrespectful of others when they are speaking; behavior indicates total non-involvement with group or discussion
- no notes/not prepared