

Discussion Director

Book title:

Start Page:

End Page:

Discussion Director: Your job is to develop a list of questions that your group might want to discuss about this part of the book. Don't worry about the small details; your task is to help people talk over the big ideas in the reading and share their reactions. Use the Discussion Director Idea Box to help you come up with ideas and try to make them as thought provoking as possible. Don't repeat questions from earlier Discussion Directors unless the question is extremely fitting to your assignment passage.

Leading the Whole Discussion: It is also your job to run the discussion overall.

- Begin by asking the Summarizer to share the summary.
- Next, lead a discussion around one or two of your questions.
- Next, hear from the Connector and Literary Luminary.
- Finish up by hearing some background information from the Investigator.
- If you have any time at the end, continue with one of your remaining questions. Another option is to say: "Is there anything else you think we should discuss?"

*Remember, any time you feel like leading a discussion based on the presentation of one of the other people presenting, do so. That's your job!

Keep group members on task!

Discussion Director Idea Box

If a really good discussion were going on, here are some things I might expect to hear from the Discussion Director as I walk by...

- I was wondering if anyone knew...
- I see what you're saying. That reminds me of something that happened earlier in the book...
- What do you think?
- Did anyone notice on page 57 that...
- I disagree with you because...
- I agree with you because...
- This reminds me a lot of when...
- Do you think this could mean...?
- I'm not sure I understand what you're saying. Could you explain it a little more?
- That reminds me of what you were saying yesterday about...
- I just don't understand this part...
- I love the part that says...
- Here, let me read this paragraph. It's an example of what I'm talking about...
- WHat was going through your mind when you read this?
- How did you feel while reading this part of the book?
- What questions did you have when you finished this section?
- Did anything in the part of the book surprise you?
- Predict what will happen next...

Possible discussion questions or topics for today:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

My own thoughts or feelings on ONE of my questions or topics: