

Literature Circles

Literature Circles is an activity that broadens the understanding of literature students achieve during individual literary analysis activity. By discussing what we read in groups, we further explore its meaning through interaction with others.

Each group will be made up of four students; each member of the group will have a job. How thoroughly each member does his/her job determines the group's grade. Opportunity will be given to correct any errors or work that is not thorough by the group during the activity, no matter whose work needs revising.

Each group will have a Summarizer, a Quote Master, a Discussion Director, and an Illustrator each time it meets, and jobs will rotate each meeting.

- 1) **Summarizer:** Your job is to write and share a summary of your reading. The other members of your group will be counting on you to give a concise, but thorough statement that conveys the key points, the main highlights, and whatever else, if important. Minimum length: 2 pages typed double-spaced. 15 points.
 - 2) **Quote Master:** Your job is to select five important passages in the reading and explain why each is important (significance, a.k.a. "analysis"). Analysis of each quote needs to be thorough, therefore it should be at least 4 strong sentences of analysis (not summary) for each quote. 15 points.
 - 3) **Discussion Director:** Your job is to write three thought-provoking questions about the reading and to find one part of the reading that confused you or might have confused others in your group. These questions will be answered by your group during the group activity. Please note that each question must begin with a particular critical word (see individual worksheet for this job). 15 points.
 - 4) **Illustrator:** Your job is to draw a scene of your choice from the reading and to thoroughly answer the questions on the worksheet about it. The illustration must be done by you, but can include a collage from pre-printed materials, such as newspapers, magazines, and Internet. The drawing must be detailed; pencil sketches with little detail will not be considered for points. The analysis of the drawing must be in-depth. 15 points.
- Use the worksheets that follow for each group activity.
 - All written responses and preparation must be typed and brought to class on the day of the assignment
 - All assignments must be submitted to Google Classroom BEFORE class starts to avoid a 10% (6 points) penalty for any student who does not submit on time.
 - Group activity should last for 30-45 minutes. Groups that spend less than 30 minutes will be considered unprepared for the activity.