Elementary Discussion Rubric

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Engagement	While listening to a discussion, I think about how other students' comments relate to my knowledge and experiences.	During a discussion, I think about what everyone is saying. I always expect to	During a discussion, my mind sometimes wanders and thinks about other things.	During class discussions, I usually am thinking of something else.
	I always expect to learn something from a discussion. I like to hear what my classmates	enjoy a discussion. I usually like to hear what my classmates	I sometimes think I will enjoy a discussion. I sometimes like to	I usually think discussions will be boring and a waster of time.
	have to say about a topic. As I listen to a discussion, I	have to say about a topic.	hear what my classmates have to say about a topic.	I do not usually like to hear what my
	analyze and evaluate other people's comments on a subject before I make up my mind.	During a discussion, I think about whether I agree or disagree	Sometimes I think about whether I agree	classmates have to say about a topic.
	When I am not talking, I show I am interested in the discussion through appropriate body	with people's comments and why.	or disagree with people's comments. Sometimes I show that	I rarely think about whether I agree or disagree with my classmates'
	language, such as eye contact, smiling, and nodding.	interested in the discussion.	I am interested in a discussion, but sometimes I look like	comments. My body language
			I'm not paying attention.	usually shows that I am not interested in the discussion.
Interaction	I look for opportunities in the discussion to appropriately share my personal experiences, beliefs,	I often share my personal experiences, beliefs and opinions	Sometimes, if I am encouraged to, I share my personal	I rarely speak during a discussion.
	I use good reasons to support my	in a discussion. My comments during a discussion connect	experiences, beliefs, and opinions in a discussion.	Sometimes when I speak, my comments are clearly not on the
	I use good reasons to support my			topic.

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	opinions and explain where my information comes from	to what others have said.	My comments usually connect to what others	I seldom make
			are saying, but	comments on what
	My comments during a discussion	I often comment on	sometimes I make	others have said,
	build on what others have said.	what others have	comments that are kind	unless it is to say that
		said.	of off the topic.	they are wrong.
	I summarize and add to others'			
	ideas.		Sometimes I comment	I rarely ask questions
		I often ask questions	on what others have	of my classmates.
	When appropriate, I ask my	of my classmates.	said.	
	classmates to explain more about			
	what they have said.		Sometimes I ask	
			questions of my	
			classmates.	
Collaboration	I speak when I have something	I speak when I think	Sometimes I do not	I do not speak at all
	significant to add, but I am careful	I have something	speak at all, and	during discussions
	not to monopolize the discussion.	important to say, but	sometimes I talk too	OR
		I try not to speak too	much during a	I talk all the time and
	I encourage all members of my	much.	discussion.	do not give others a
	class to participate asking			chance to contribute.
	questions.	I often encourage my	I seldom encourage my	
		classmates to	classmates to	I do not encourage my
	I disagree respectfully by looking	participate by asking	participate.	classmates to
	for areas of agreement, if possible.	them questions.		participate.
			I usually disagree	
	I actively and enthusiastically show	I disagree	respectfully, but	I often get angry when
	my appreciation for the good	respectfully.	sometimes I get angry	I disagree with my
	comments made by my	Laborer	and act disrespectfully.	classmates and say
	classmates.	I show my	Lugually fall and the	and do disrespectful
	Loomofully follow the mules for	appreciation for good	I usually follow the	things.
	I carefully follow the rules for a	comments made by	discussion rules	I have a lot of trouble
	discussion established by my class.	my classmates.	established by my class, but sometimes I	following the
	I carefully consider respectful,	I follow the	forget.	discussion rules
	intelligent criticism of my ideas	discussion rules	Torget.	established by the
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	and change my mind if I need to.	established by my	I usually accept	class.
		class.	criticism of my ideas,	
			but sometimes I get	I get mad when people
		I accept respectful,	mad when people	criticize my ideas.
		intelligent criticism of my ideas.	disagree with me.	
Reflection	I take time to think about what I have learned about a topic from a discussion and apply it to my learning in the future.	I think about what I have learned from a discussion. I think about how	If I am reminded, I think about what I have learned from a discussion.	Once a discussion is over, I usually do not think about what I have learned from it.
	I look back and evaluate my participation in a discussion and	well I did in a discussion and try to	Sometimes I try to improve my discussion	I hardly ever think about my discussion
	set goals for improving my skills	do better in the next	skills.	skills and how to
	during the next discussion.	one.		improve them.