Beat the Heat

Discussion Rubric

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

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where my information comes from. My comments during a discussion build on what others have said. I summarize and add to others' ideas.	have said. I often ask questions of my classmates.	I occasionally comment on what others have said. I ask some questions of my classmates.	wrong. I rarely ask questions of my classmates.
When appropriate, I ask my classmates to explain more about what they have said. Collaboration			
I speak when I have	I speak when I	I sometimes do not	I do not speak at
something significant to add, but I am careful not to monopolize the discussion.	think I have something important to say, but I try not to speak too much.	speak at all, while other times, I talk too much during a discussion. I seldom encourage my classmates to	all during discussions. OR I talk all the time and do not give others a chance to contribute.
I encourage all members of my class to participate by asking questions.	I often encourage my classmates to participate by asking them questions.	participate. I usually disagree respectfully, but I	I do not encourage my classmates to participate.
I disagree	questions.	get angry	pai licipate.
respectfully by looking for areas of agreement, if	I disagree respectfully.	sometimes and act disrespectfully.	I often get angry when I disagree with my
possible. I actively and	I show my appreciation for good comments	I usually follow the discussion rules established by my	classmates, and say and act disrespectfully.
enthusiastically show my appreciation for the good comments	made by my classmates.	class, but I forget sometimes.	I have trouble following the
made by my classmates.	I follow the discussion rules established by my	I usually accept criticism of my ideas, but	discussion rules established by the class.
I carefully follow the rules for a discussion established by my class.	I accept respectful, intelligent criticism of my ideas.	sometimes I get angry when people disagree with me.	I get angry when people criticize my ideas.
I carefully consider respectful, intelligent criticism of my ideas and change my mind			