Socratic Seminar Guidelines and Rubric

Students: Here are the general guidelines for participating in a Socratic seminar and a rubric that will be used to assess your participation.

Guidelines for Participating

- Come prepared. Bring notes and bookmarked pages that are relevant to the discussion.
- Participate, participate, participate!
- Relate your comments to the text or its themes.
- Back up comments with evidence from the text.
- Try to comment on someone else's previous statement before you give yours.
- Personal stories should have a direct connection to the text.
- Keep discussion alive by asking open-ended, thought-provoking questions.
- Disagree with comments, not individuals. Never put anyone down.
- Use your speaking time fairly (contribute but do not control).

Participant Rubric

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-I offer enough	-I offer solid	-I offer some	-I offer little
solid analysis,	analysis without	analysis but need	commentary.
without prompting,	prompting.	prompting from the	
to move the		seminar leader.	-I come to the
conversation	-I demonstrate a		seminar ill-
forward.	good knowledge of	-I demonstrate a	prepared with little
	the text and the	general knowledge	understanding of
-I demonstrate a	question.	of the text and	the text and
deep knowledge of	I a a sur a dia dia a	question.	question.
the text and the	-I come to the	L ama a ama ayyıla a t	-I do not listen to
question.	seminar prepared, with notes and a	-I am somewhat	others and offer no
-I come to the	marked or	unprepared, with few notes and no	commentary to
seminar prepared,	annotated text.	marked or	further the
with notes and a	armotated text.	annotated text.	discussion.
marked or	-I show active	diffictated text.	discussion.
annotated text.	listening, and offer	-I actively listen,	
	clarification and/or	but do not offer	
-I show active	follow-up.	clarification and/or	
listening.	·	follow-up to others'	
	-I rely on the text	comments.	
-I offer clarification	to drive my		
and/or follow-up	comments.	-I rely more upon	
that extends the		my opinion and	
conversation.		less on the text to	
		drive my	
-I make comments		comments.	
that refer to			
specific parts of the text.			
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