

## Socratic Seminar “Outside Circle” Questions

1. What comment or question seemed to move the question the most? Give a possible explanation why.
2. How many times did people refer to the text to support what they were saying?
3. Who do you think helped the inner circle most through participation? By asking good questions? By acting as a leader?
4. If you could make up one more related question for the inner circle to answer, what would it be?
5. Record how many times people interrupt each other. Do these interruptions help or hurt the discussion? How do the interrupted people react to the interruptions?
6. How many periods of silence were there? Were they productive? Awkward?
7. What are the speakers doing right? Make a list of every positive discussion technique they are using.
8. Record how many times the boys speak and how many time the girls speak. Are their numbers proportional?
9. Observe the body language of the people in the circle. Record what you see.
10. Watch the person in the inner circle opposite you. Does s/he speak or listen? How often does s/he speak? What kind of comments does s/he offer?
11. What point did the group ignore? How would you have worked it into the discussion? If they didn't ignore one, which did they seem to emphasize? Do you agree with its importance? Why?
12. What scene, passage, or line from the text could this group have brought up in order to enhance their discussion?
13. What point would you have liked to add to the discussion? Why?
14. What question would you ask to take this group's discussion further?
15. What point did this group not explain adequately? How would you have explained it?
16. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate the quality of this discussion? Give specific examples to support your answer.
17. What is the most insightful comment that you heard? Why did it stand out for you?