

SOCRATIC SEMINARS

Participant: _____

Observer: _____

Norms:

- Converse directly with each other (rather than the facilitator)
- Hard on the content, soft on the people
- Be kind, helpful and specific

Helpful behaviors:

Comment	Tally
Took a position on the question being asked	
Used evidence from the text to make an argument or point	
Used an analogy, example or anecdote to help articulate a point	
Asked for clarification on another participant's ideas	
Built on a previous comment made by another participant	
Recognized irrelevant comment, contradiction or faulty argument	
Invited another voice into the discussion	
Redirected the discussion back to answering the question	
Used significance to explain the bigger picture of the topic	
Challenged a perspective by unveiling potential bias	
Made a connection between the topic and previous knowledge	
Used supposition to offer a solution to the issue being discussed	
Other:	
Other:	

Not-so-helpful behaviors:

Comment	Tally
Made a personal attack rather than challenging an idea	
Interrupted another student	
Made an irrelevant or off topic comment	
Monopolized the discussion	
Didn't make any comments	
Other:	
Other:	

Additional comments: