



INTRO TO *Discussion Leadership*

Once a week, you will choose a Discussion Leadership role to take on for one class period. There are 3 roles to choose from—explore different roles each week, or stick to your tried-and-true. Your choice!

**PRE-
DISCUSSION
PROMPT**
due before class

SKILLS

- identify key elements of text
- develop questions that foster dialogue

TASKS

- develop 2-3 discussion questions

**CLASS
NOTES**
due next day

SKILLS

- listen critically
- capture verbal info succinctly

TASKS

- take thorough, **STRUCTURED** notes for large-group discussion

**POST-
DISCUSSION
SYNTHESIS**
due next day

SKILLS

- synthesize info
- make connections across texts

TASKS

- identify 1-2 key discussion takeaways
- ask 1 question that still remains

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SKIP? You will participate in Discussion Leadership 4 times throughout the quarter.





DISCUSSION LEADERSHIP

Instructions + Inspo

**PRE-
DISCUSSION
PROMPT**
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Compose 2-3 discussion questions that can guide our group discussion. These questions should relate to the major arguments/themes of the text. You might also choose a quote for us to analyze.

INSPIRATION

- <https://carleton.ca/edc/wp-content/uploads/Effective-Questions-for-Leading-Discussions.pdf>
- <https://www.lavc.edu/profdev/library/docs/promotethink.aspx>

**CLASS
NOTES**
due next day

INSTRUCTIONS

- Listen CAREFULLY and CRITICALLY. Write down elements of discussion you think are important. Summarize important points, rather than attempting to type a word-for-word transcript!
- After class, go back through your notes and format/organize them such that they are easy to understand. Fill in pieces that need more info, or that you didn't have time to write out in the moment. You'll want to do this as soon as possible after class, before your memory of our conversation fades!

INSPIRATION

- <https://learningcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/effective-note-taking-in-class>
- <https://www.cornellcollege.edu/academic-support-and-advising/academic-support/study-tips/TakingNotesDiscussion.shtml>

**POST-
DISCUSSION
SYNTHESIS**
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Identify 1-2 takeaways. What do you think were the most important ideas that came up today?
- Connect our class discussion to previous discussions or texts that we've discussed. What new perspectives might today's discussion offer old conversations? Does past material change how we might think about our current text or topic?
- What is 1 question you still have after our discussion?

INSPIRATION

- <https://www.thoughtco.com/summarizing-strategies-for-students-4582332>
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