

Socratic Seminar guidelines

- This is a “dialogue” NOT a “debate”
- You MUST pre-read the “text” BEFORE you may participate (otherwise you will sit in the outer circle both times)
- There will be two (2) groups, the inner circle and the outer circle
- The inner circle are the active participants at the beginning of the seminar
- The outer circle are the observers until it is their turn to “participate”
- You will NOT have to raise your hand to speak, however, you MUST be respectful of one another in order to allow fellow students to speak (this will take time to get used to)
- You should refer to the “text” often to back up any ideas you may have
- This is a JUDGMENT free time – we are listening to each other’s ideas and exchanging information
- You will be assessed based on participation
- Feel free to ask clarifying questions to either your peers or Mr. McGuire as the facilitator
- LISTEN carefully
- PARTICIPATE

