

Literature Circle Instructions

Overview:

Over the next few weeks, you will participate in a literature circle with reading Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. A literature circle is a small group that reads a text together. Each time you read, your role will change. Your role provides explicit instructions on how to read the text. By reading the text for different reasons in your small group, your understanding of the text, and the reading process, will be enriched. Throughout the reading, it is important that you **DO EVERY ASSIGNMENT ON TIME**. Your responses and reactions to events and characters in the book, the author's craft, and to personal experiences related to the text will guide your group's discussions.

Getting Started:

Role	Abbreviation
Discussion Director & Questioner	DD
Summarizer	S
Connector	C
Word Wizard	W
Reflector	R
Visualizer	V

Find your name in your group and look at the role schedule. This schedule tells you what your role is each time you read. Next, read the role descriptions in the 'Role Descriptions' document. In your group, summarize the tasks that each role must complete.

Generally, each reading will follow the same plan, which is outlined below.

1. Each group member reads the text.
2. The Discussion Director posts first using the appropriate 'category'.
3. Group members reply to the Discussion Director (the DD will be asking questions in their post).

4. Group members add new posts (directions in role description document).
5. All group members comment on at least one of their group members' posts that is NOT the Discussion Director.

Summary:

For each assigned reading, you will:

- a. Create one post
- b. Answer the Discussion Director's questions as a reply to their post.
- c. Reply to at least one other post - this could be the Visualizer, Connector, Summarizer, Word Wizard, or Reflector.

*Note: You are encouraged to reply to more than one post and continue the discussions in class.