

Guidelines for Participating in a Seminar

1. Form a circle so people are facing one another.
2. Be prepared with reading and questions completed.
3. Be courteous—there will be no put-downs and no sarcasm.
4. Allow everyone enough time to finish his or her thoughts—do not interrupt.
5. Speak up when no one else is talking. There should be no need to raise hands.
6. Be an active listener. If it helps you focus, take notes.
7. Have your book open and use it to share evidence to support your opinions.

Adapted from Ensrud, Mark. "Getting at What They Want to Know: Using Students' Questions to Direct Class Discussion." From *Inquiry and the Literary Text: Constructing Discussions in the English Classroom*. James Holden and John S. Schmit, eds. NCTE, 2002: 82-83.

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