

# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ROLES AND PROCEDURE

## ROLES

**Orator:** You are responsible for selecting your favorite part from your previous reading. You will read this part aloud and share with the group your reasons for selecting it. These reasons should be based on the literary techniques the writer used in the passage. An example might be, “I picked this passage because I really liked the way the writer used dialogue. In my head it sounded just like real people talking.”

**Discussion Leader:** You are responsible for making sure that each person shares his or her ideas, questions, or opinions from the previous day’s reading and reflection. It is your responsibility to keep the discussion flowing smoothly and to make sure that everyone gets a chance to participate.

**Mediator:** You are responsible for helping the group reflect on their work and evaluate their process. It is up to you to be sure the group focuses on what worked well, and brainstorms effective strategies to overcome problems. You are also responsible for helping the group to apply these strategies when problems arise.

**Scribe:** You are responsible for recording the thoughts and activities of the group during the session and reporting these activities back to the class.

**Researcher:** You are responsible for finding the answers to and sharing the factual information that the group has trouble understanding. This information could be vocabulary words, historical events, or important people.

## PROCEDURE

Each day you will be responsible for a different role. Use the chart below to help you determine what your daily role will be by beginning with the role you have been assigned and moving your way around the chart following the arrows. If you should be absent, skip the role you would have assumed that day and move on to the next role on the chart.

