

Discussion Rubric

Name of Observer: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Discussant Observed: _____

Discussion Topic: _____

A. Rate the individual discussant you are observing (circle the appropriate number)

<i>Did the discussant...</i>	Poor	Average	Excels		
come prepared?	1	2	3	4	5
speak audibly?	1	2	3	4	5
speak comprehensibly?.....	1	2	3	4	5
stay on topic?	1	2	3	4	5
cite reasons and evidence for their statements?	1	2	3	4	5
raise good questions that advanced the discussion?	1	2	3	4	5
engage the text?	1	2	3	4	5
engage what other discussants said?.....	1	2	3	4	5
take initiative and chime in? (not a wallflower)	1	2	3	4	5
allow other discussants to chime in? (not domineering)	1	2	3	4	5

B. Rate all the discussants together

1. Name the discussant who best met the criteria above. _____

2. What was the most interesting idea brought up? _____

3. Among all the questions asked, points made, or ideas introduced, which one was most helpful for advancing your own grasp of the topic? _____

4. If you were to write an essay on this selection, what thesis statement would you put forward?
