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Literature Circles – Role Statements

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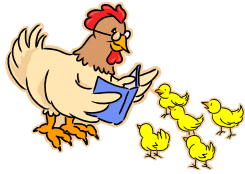
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DISCUSSION MANAGER

1. Writes up a meeting agenda (that means who is doing what each meeting)
2. Create 3 to 5 interesting discussion questions.
3. Try to think of questions that will get your circle group to dig into the book and share their thoughts and opinions.
4. Looks at the 'big picture' of the meeting
5. Runs the meeting. Allowing everyone to have a chance to speak.
6. Acts as a spokesperson for the Circle



READING CIRCLE ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Members of my group are:

WORD WIZARD



1. Choose 5 new words from your reading assignment.
2. Find the definition of each word.
3. Work out why each word is used in that paragraph.
4. What other words could be used? List a few synonyms for the word you chose.
5. Be prepared to teach the words to your Circle members. To do this, read the sentence from the book and discuss the meaning of the word.

SCRIBE



1. Collect any notes submitted to the meeting by other members.
2. Take additional notes during the meeting.
3. Complete a set of minutes (these are the major things that you talk about) for each meeting and write a summary paragraph of the discussion for each meeting.
4. Provide a copy of the summary paragraph for each Circle member.
5. Read out the minutes and summary at the beginning of each meeting, so everyone knows what happened at the last meeting (you are refreshing their memory).

RESEARCHER

1. Gathers information about the author (bibliographical and publishing details)
2. Provides this information to the Circle for discussion. (Does the author's background and previous publications provide you with any idea about what they are trying to say with this text?)
3. You should collect information from at least 2 separate sources and check for accuracy.



STORY MAPPER

1. Choose a story map or graphic organizer:
 - * Character Map
 - * Story Elements Map
 - * Venn Diagram
 - * Other
2. Map the story using the graphic organizer.
3. Be prepared to explain the parts of your map to your team. Tell why you chose to use that story map.
4. Provide a photocopy of your map to each of your Circle members.

