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Socratic Seminar Guidelines

What is Socratic Seminar?

- ▶ Review Handout - “COMPARING DEBATE, DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE”
- ▶ How does Socratic Seminar compare to debate, discussion and dialogue?

Prepared

- ▶ Complete 2 read throughs ahead of time
- ▶ Annotate the text
- ▶ Create questions at three levels
- ▶ Turn in annotated text and questions 2 school days before seminar

During Seminar

- ▶ Listen
- ▶ Explore
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Be Open

Listen

- ▶ Remain Engaged
- ▶ Activity Listen to each speaker
 - ▶ If a text reference is given, turn to that part of the text
- ▶ Wait your turn - Do not interrupt the speaker

Explore

- ▶ Support opinions by sighting text
- ▶ Think of questions that you would ask the author

Respect

- ▶ Invite others to participate
- ▶ Do not “shut” people out for different views
- ▶ Discuss the text, not the person

Be Open

- ▶ Agree or Disagree with statements not people
- ▶ Consider that there are alternate views
- ▶ Understand alternate views, even if you do not think they are true

Closing

- ▶ After the closing of seminar, there maybe more that you want to discuss,
- ▶ There will be either a place of the board to continue the discussion or a google document to share thoughts