

THE DISCUSSION DIRECTOR

The Discussion Director is the person who acts as group leader for this cycle of the project. It is your job as Discussion Director to make sure everyone is on task, listening to each other, and sharing his or her own work and ideas. You will be assessed on how well you complete your leadership task by the teacher's observation of yourself and your group.

The Discussion Director also has another important job: he or she has to create two higher-level thinking questions that will be posed to the whole group, in order to promote discussion. The "DD" will direct the discussion by asking these questions and then encouraging the group to answer them. These questions should not be "yes" or "no," basic fact/recall questions, but rather should force the group members to really think about the book, their own responses to what they've read, how they are like or unlike the characters, etc. You will be evaluated on your questions, which you need to write in the spaces below:

Question 1:

Question 2:

Self-Evaluation (write on the back of the page or on another sheet please):

- a) What was the hardest part of this DD job?
- b) What would you do differently another time?
- c) What level would you give your group members for the discussion?
- d) Why would you give them this level?
- e) What level would you give yourself for your DD role?