**Literature Circle Role Sheet**

**Summarizer**

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**Summarizer:** Your job is to prepare a brief summary of today’s reading. Your group discussion will start with your 1-2 minute statement that covers the key points, main highlights, and general idea of today’s reading assignment.

**Summary:**

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**Key Points:**

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**Connections: Did today’s reading remind you of anything? Explain.**

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**Literature Circle Role Sheet**

**Questioner/Discussion Director**

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**Questioner/Discussion Director:** Your job is to develop a list of questions that your group might want to discuss about this part of the book. Don’t worry about the small details; your task is to help people talk over the big ideas in the reading and share their reactions. Usually the best discussion questions come from your own thoughts, feelings, and concerns as you read. You can list them below during or after your reading. You may also use some of the general questions below to develop topics to your group.

**Possible discussion questions or topics for today:**

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
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**Tips: Consider**

1. A discussion of a work’s characters: are they realistic, symbolic, historically-based?
2. What motivates the characters or leads them to make the choices they do?
3. An in-depth discussion of the work’s events
4. A discussion of any confusing passage or event
5. The historical context and/or events that occurred in a particular work
6. Commentary on the social, political, or economic context in which a work was written –- how does the context influence the work?
7. An analysis of a specific image, passage, phrase, etc.
8. An analysis of a recurring image, phrase, event, etc.

Topics to be carried over to next discussion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Literature Circle Roles**

**Connector**

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**Connector:** Your job is to find connections between the book and you, and between the book and the wider world. Consider the list below when you make your connections.

1. Your own past experiences
2. Happenings at school or in the community
3. Stories in the news
4. Similar events at other times and places
5. Other people or problems that you are reminded of
6. Between this book and other writings on the same topic or by the same author

**Some connections I made between this reading and my own experiences, the wider world, and other texts or authors:**

**Literature Circle Roles**

**Illustrator**

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**Illustrator:** Good readers make pictures in their minds as they read. This is a chance to share some of your own images and visions. Draw some kind of picture related to the reading you have just done. It can be a sketch, cartoon, diagram, flowchart, or stick-figure scene. You can draw a picture of something that happened in your book, or something that the reading reminded you of, or a picture that conveys any idea or feeling you got from the reading. Any kind of drawing or graphic is okay – you can even label things with words if that helps. *Make your drawing(s) on any remaining space on this side and on the other side of this sheet. If you use a separate sheet of paper, be sure to staple it to this role sheet.*

**Presentation Plan:** Whenever it fits in the conversation, show your drawing to your group. You don’t have to explain it immediately. You can let people speculate what your picture means, so they can connect your drawing to their own ideas about the reading. After everyone has had a say, you can always have the last word: *tell them what your picture means, refer to the parts in the text that you used, and/or convey what it represents to you.*

**Literature Circle Roles**

**Travel Tracer**

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**Travel Tracer:** When you are reading a book in which characters move around often and the scene changes frequently, it is important for everyone in your group to know *where* things are happening and how the setting may have changed. That’s your job: carefully track where the action takes place during today’s reading. Describe each setting in detail, either in words or with an action map or diagram. While you may use this sheet, you may find that you need to use an additional sheet. If that is the case, be sure to staple any additional sheets to this role sheet. *Also, always give the page locations where the scene is described.*

**Describe or sketch the setting**

Where today’s action *begins*: Page where it is described \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where *key events* happen: Page where it is described \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where today’s events *end*: Page where it is described \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Literature Circle Roles**

**Vocabulary Enricher/Word Wizard**

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**Vocabulary Enricher/Word Wizard:** The words a writer chooses are an important ingredient of the author’s craft. Your job is to be on the lookout for a few words that have special meaning in today’s reading selection.

1. Jot down **puzzling or unfamiliar words** while you are reading. Later, look up the definitions in either a dictionary or some other source.
2. You may also run across **words that stand out** somehow in the reading – **words that are repeated a lot, used in an unusual way, or are crucial to the meaning of the text.** Mark these special words, too, and be ready to share your ideas on their usage to the group.

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| Note: When discussing vocabulary, you should always refer back to the text in order to examine the word in context. **Word**  | **Pg. # & Paragraph**  | **Definition**  | **Reason/Plan for Discussion**  |