

Socratic Seminar: The Outer Circle

For outer circle members the observation role is just as important as the members of the inner-circle. We must constantly be aware of how our conversation is going... and next round you will have a chance to be in the inner circle. Below is a list of possible outer circle roles and their assignments.

Role	Assignment
Reporter	Takes notes and prepares a summary that discusses strengths and weakness of the dialogue
Silent Contributor	What would you say if you were in the inner circle?
Referencing Text Tallyer	Counts how many times each member references the text
Comment Tallyer	Records how many times each person speaks
Shadower	<p>Evaluates a member of the inner circle on the following criteria. DID THE MEMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak loudly and clearly? • Cite reasons and evidence for our statements? • Use the text to find support? • Listen to others respectfully? • Stick with the subject? • Talk to the whole group and not as side conversation? • Paraphrase accurately? • Avoid inappropriate language? • Ask for help to clear confusion? • Support others? • Avoid hostile exchanges? • Questions in a civil manner? • Seem prepared? • Act as a positive role model?