Socratic Seminar Grading Rubric

**(SL Standards 1-6)**

A *Socratic Seminar* is a motivating form of scholarly discourse based on “essential” open-ended questions. Essential questions are defined as questions that point to the heart of a topic and its controversies and that generate multiple answers and perspectives. To participate, you must first examine a text (novel, movie, poem, piece of music or art) and generate open-ended questions for discussion of the text. Open-ended questions allow you to think critically, analyze multiple meanings in the text, and express your ideas and opinions with clarity and confidence.

During the seminar, listen attentively and respond to one another with respect. Before agreeing or disagreeing with a classmate, summarize that classmate’s ideas/opinions, and then express your own with clarity and supporting evidence from the text.

Rubric

1. Number of comments (SL1c)

* No comments=0 points\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 1 comment= 5 points \_\_\_\_\_\_
* 2 comments=8 points \_\_\_\_\_\_
* 3 comments=12 points\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 4 or more comments =15 points\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Quality of points (SL1d)

* no comments=0 points \_\_\_\_\_
* just repeats others’ ideas=5 points\_\_\_\_\_
* expresses original ideas=10 points\_\_\_\_\_
* original, deep comments, new ideas=15 points\_\_\_\_\_

3. References to text (SL1a)

* no references=0 points\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 1-2 references=8 points\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 3 references=12 points \_\_\_\_\_\_
* 4 or more references=15 points\_\_\_\_\_

4. Write a response to a comment that you didn’t get to respond to during the seminar. (15 points) **(SL 1.b)**

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5. Attach your list of HOT (Bloom’s) discussion questions and the answers you wrote for each. (30 points)

**(SL 1a)**

6. Write a reflection of your participation in the Socratic Seminar discussion of *Mississippi Trial, 1955*.

(10 points) **(SL 1b)**

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