

STORY: _____ by _____

NAME : _____ Group members: _____

JOB DESCRIPTION. Your job is to start the reading circle discussion. Develop a list of question that your group may want to discuss concerning the text. **The group's goal is a healthy discussion NOT necessarily answering all the questions. It is okay not to finish as long as the discussion is going.** Don't worry about the small details: your task is to facilitate discussion of the larger ideas in the text and to solicit reaction from the group's members during the group.

A LITTLE HELP. Often the best discussion questions come from your own thoughts, feelings, and concerns as you read. Here are some general discussion questions that you can use and build on in your responses.

Sample Questions:

Was there anything confusing in the reading?

What was going through your mind while you read this?

How did you feel when reading this part of the book?

Did today's reading remind you of any real-life experiences?

Were there any themes introduced or developed in this section?

Did anything surprise you in the reading?

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS to discuss FOR TODAY
(Introduce after each person in the group has presented)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

INDICATORS OF A HEALTHY DISCUSSION

- A respect for ideas
- Spirited interaction
- Debating of ideas
- Questioning and Explaining
- Building on other ideas and interpretations