

## SOCRATIC SEMINAR PROCEDURES

1. **Pre-Seminar Assignment:** Completion of a pre-seminar assignment is a necessary component of a successful seminar. Therefore, in order to earn a place in the seminar, students must do the following:
  - A. Read the assigned text
  - B. Do the assigned pre-seminar assignment. It will always involve active reading, but there could also be additional work involved.

***\*\*\*If a student is not prepared, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the seminar. Students who are not prepared will take notes over the entire seminar and write up a 1-2 page report from the notes.***
2. **Seminar:** Participation in the seminar is the key element, for obvious reasons, to the Socratic Seminar. During the seminar, students will take their pre-seminar assignment, the text, paper, and a pencil and be prepared to discuss the ideas and concepts at hand. Students will be split into two groups – an inner circle and an outer circle. The inner circle will sit on the floor and they will discuss the opening question and the text. The outer circle will sit in chairs, and they will be using the feedback form to take notes over the performance of the inner circle. The outer circle will not participate in any way. Then, the groups will trade places.
3. **Post-Seminar Assignment:** Completion of a post-seminar assignment is the last necessary component for a successful seminar. Therefore, in order to earn the final grade students must complete a post-seminar assignment.