

## **GUIDELINES FOR SOCRATIC SEMINAR** **PARTICIPANTS**

- Refer to the text when needed during the discussion. A seminar is not a test of memory. You are not learning a subject”; your goal is to understand the ideas, issues, and values reflected in the text.
- It’s OK to pass when asked to contribute.
- Do not participate if you are not prepared. A seminar should not be a bull session.
- Do not stay confused; ask for clarification.
- Stick to the point currently under discussion; make notes about ideas you want to come back to.
- Don’t raise hands; take turns speaking.
- Listen carefully.
- Speak up so that all can hear you.
- Talk to each other, not just to the leader or teacher.
- Discuss ideas rather than each other’s opinions.