# LITERATURE CIRCLES

## EXPECTATIONS & ROLES

"Role sheets are designed to be 'book club training wheels,' a temporary, getting-started tool. Many teachers have found that when students are first learning to operate in peer-led discussion groups, it is helpful to offer them an intermediate <u>support structure</u> that makes the transition more comfortable and successful...we want kids to <u>internalize these procedures</u> rather than depend forever on these training wheels;

the goal of these support tools is to make the tools obsolete."

Harvey Daniels, Literature Circles: Voice and Choice in Book Clubs & Reading Groups [emphases mine]



# **Language Arts**

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[go to "teachers", "Mr. David Chung", "Chung's Literature Circles"]

LIT. CIRCLE OBJECTIVE: Increase our Understanding of Literature Through Meaningful, Interpretive, and Evaluative ANALYSIS, DISCUSSION, AND PRESENTATION

EXPECTATIONS	How it looks with the <b>ROLE</b>	How it looks with the DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION
INTELLECTUAL COURAGE  - Takes risks - Respectfully Challenge Others - Actively Participate - Think "outside the box"		
INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP Lead by being a role model for others Take the initiative Be prepared Help others with learning		
INTELLECTUAL HUMILITY  ■ Practice Scholarly Behavior  ■ Do not steal others' opportunities to learn and think		
INTELLECTUAL AGGRESSIVENESS  Use evidence to support your ideas Defend your thoughts Use multiple resources		

**GROUP RULES**Based on our Intellectual Expectations, our Four Rules for Effective Literature Circles are...

ISSUE	RULE	LOOKS/SOUNDS LIKE
RESPECT	Show courtesy, consideration, and respect at all times	
PARTICIPATION	Everyone shares, everyone "actively" listens	
TIME	Use our time wisely: "Stay on task", re-focus when needed	
PREPARATION	Accomplish our goal/s and tasks Hold each other accountable; Set the <b>GOAL</b> for the group meeting	

<u> ASSIGNMENT</u>	SHEET	Your Name:				
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SELECTED PASSAGES/CH					S	core:
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		(Date)		(Date)		
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TITLE of Literature/					_	(Date)
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AUTHOR		·				
CHAP/PAGE#						
ROLE/TASK	NAME OF GROUP I	MEMBER	NAME OF	GROUP MEMBER	PRES	ENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES
PROFILER						
CONNECTOR						
ILLUSTRATOR						
WORD FINDER						
LITERARY LUMINARY						
DISCUSSION DIRECTOR						
OTHER:						
	We will <i>discuss</i>	\	We will <b>discu</b>	ss		<b>Group Presentation</b> of
What's Next	pg to pg for meeting. <b>Due</b> :	r	og to pg meeting. <b>Due</b> :	for the next		[Product]

[Due Date]

## LITERATURE CIRCLE ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR ROLES

<u>Lit. Circle Objective</u>: Increase our Understanding of Literature Through *Meaningful, Interpretive,* and *Evaluative* **ANALYSIS, DISCUSSION, AND PRESENTATION** 

Name:	
CLASS:	DATE:
ASSIGNMENT:	

**LITERATURE CIRCLE ROLE** [circle one]:

Discussion Director Literary Luminary Word Finder Illustrator Connector Profiler Combination of Roles

**TASK:** In your own words, *summarize* what your *task* is with this role.

COMPONENT/ RUBRIC SCORE	1	2	3	4
ROLE FULFILLMENT	<ul> <li>□ Rarely completes role tasks properly and not always on time</li> <li>□ Tasks are done with little or no genuine effort</li> <li>□ No developed response to show understanding or interpretation of a passage</li> <li>□ Does not address the parts of the role</li> <li>□ No textual evidence provide and/or does not support the response</li> </ul>	□ Sometimes completes role tasks properly but not always on time □ Tasks are done with minimal effort □ Little development of response to show understanding or interpretation of a passage □ Incompletely addresses parts of the role □ Little textual evidence provided to support the response	<ul> <li>□ Completes role tasks independently and on time</li> <li>□ Tasks are thoughtfully done with genuine effort</li> <li>□ Attempts to demonstrate understanding and/or interpretation of a passage</li> <li>□ Clearly addresses most parts of the role</li> <li>□ Provides textual evidence relevant to the response</li> </ul>	□ Completes role tasks independently and on time □ Tasks are thoroughly & thoughtfully done demonstrating an extension of the role □ Demonstrates new, scholarly insight, developed understanding and/or interpretation of a passage □ Clearly addresses all parts of the role □ Provides relevant and insightful textual evidence to all responses
READING	Assigned reading rarely completed on schedule	Sometimes has assigned reading completed on schedule	Has assigned reading completed on schedule	Has assigned reading completed on schedule with completed "notes"
Discussion	<ul> <li>Does not participate in group discussions</li> <li>Offers few opinions and makes no personal connections to the text</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participates         reluctantly in group         discussions</li> <li>Offers few opinions         and makes limited         connections to the         text</li> </ul>	□ Participates competently in group discussions □ Offers some insightful opinions and makes connections to the text	<ul> <li>Participates         enthusiastically in         group discussions</li> <li>Offers insightful,         scholarly and         thoughtful opinions         and makes         pertinent         connections to the         text</li> </ul>

COMMENTS:

## FRAMES. Literature Circle Role:

# DISCUSSION DIRECTOR



NAME:	
Subject:	Date:
Assignment:	Pages:

CONTENT STANDARD: WORD ANALYSIS & FLUENCY; READING COMPREHENSION, LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS; LISTENING & SPEAKING STRATEGIES/APPLICATIONS

Prepares Questions for the Circle. The D.D. opens, facilitates, and closes the Discussion. **TASK** WHAT QUESTIONS WILL I ASK TO HELP MY FELLOW CLASSMATES UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE **PATHWAY** What **???** do you have regarding the of this story? My Question: Responses from Discussion: Compare/Contrast the key Consider what events occur in the story. to your life or world. What is the ? What are the key of this story (events, character, conflict, setting, plot development, etc.) to discuss?

NOTE 5-10 DETAILS FROM THE READING ASSIGNMENT. have regarding have regarding the in this story this story? [plot, character, conflict]? My Question: My Question: Responses from Discussion: Responses from Discussion: My Question: Responses from Discussion:

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ILLUSTRATOR

CONTENT STANDARD: WORD ANALYSIS & FLUENCY; READING COMPREHENSION, LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS; LISTENING & SPEAKING STRATEGIES/APPLICATIONS Your task is to create a "picture" related to the reading and/or to your experience with the reading. TASK What "Big Picture" is the author creating? **PATHWAY** Key of this story's (character, conflict, setting, plot, etc.) to <u>ILLUSTRATE</u> Some images that come to Some images that come to My FINAL Illustration mind when I think about the mind when I think about a character, the conflict, or the ? setting? Text/Quote with page #: Text/Quote with page #: Description of Image: Description of Image: Explore and note two or three other illustrations, pictures, or dramatizations from other media (internet, magazines, newspaper) that help visualize this story. Be sure to connect the image with a character or scene from the story.

## Francs, Literature Circle Role:

# LITERARY LUMINARY



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Subject:

Date:

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CONTENT STANDARD:	: Word Analysis & Fluency; Reading C	OMPREHENSION, LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS; LISTENING & SPEAKING STRATEGIES/APPLICATION	S
TASK	literary device.	es, based on what you find interesting, helpful, and/or an appropri ES BEST DESCRIBE THIS STORY, MAIN CONFLICT, OR CHARACTER?	ate example of the author's use of a
PATHWAY			<b>业</b> /非平
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My Reas	son for selecting this text:		My Reason for selecting this text:
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		How is this literary device effective?	

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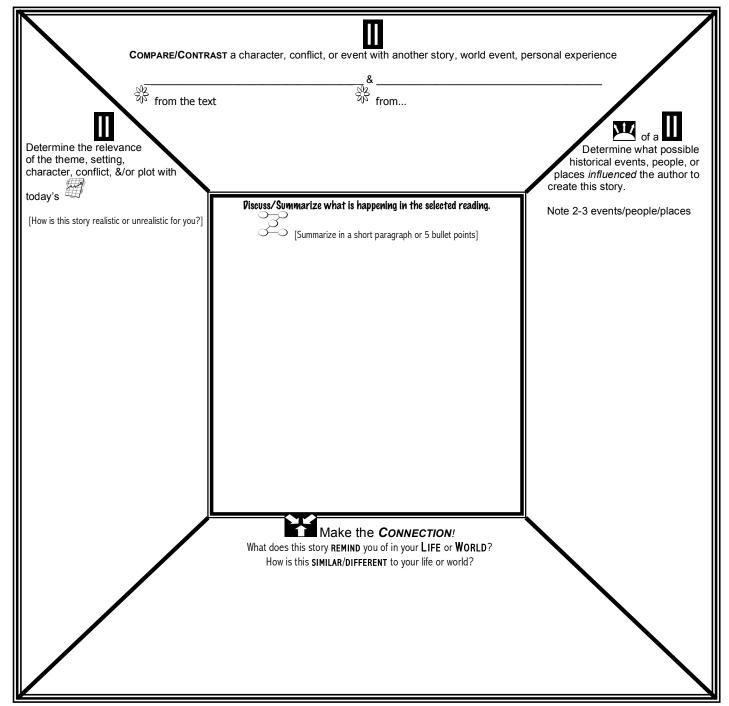
# CONNECTOR



NAME:	
Subject:	Date:
Assignment:	Pages:

CONTENT STANDARD: WORD ANALYSIS & FLUENCY; READING COMPREHENSION, LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS; LISTENING & SPEAKING STRATEGIES/APPLICATIONS

Task	Connect with any of the characters, events, conflict, setting, etc. Relate with anything from the story to world events, moments in history, personal experiences, or other stories/characters/events.  Your Overall Goal as a Connector is to help others see the Relevance of the literature. [Why is this story worth reading?]
Pathway	



## FRAMES, Literature (irde Role:

# **PROFILER**

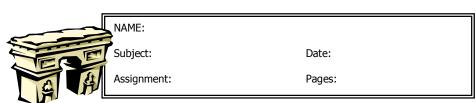


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Assignment:	Pages:

CONTENT STANDARD: WORD ANALYSIS & FLUENCY; READING COMPREHENSION, LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS: LISTENING & SPEAKING STRATEGIES (APPLICATIONS

TASK	Your task is to keep track of a character in the story. The profiler gets into the mind of the character, noting his/her thoughts, feelings, plans, strengths, and weaknesses.
TASK	WHAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE CHANGES IN THE CHARCTER?
PATHWAY	
Note how t	Essential details of this character.  STRENGTHS  Essential details of this character.  WEAKNESSES  Note how Conflict  Note how Conflict  to the in the character chara
\$\$\$	Identify the change or changes in this character [What about the character changed? Why? What stays the same? Why?]

# **WORD FINDER**



CONTENT STANDARD: WORD ANALYSIS & FLUENCY; READING COMPREHENSION, LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS; LISTENING & SPEAKING STRATEGIES/APPLICATIONS

As you read, Identify 4 words [nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, metaphors, similes, etc.] and complete the Frame below. **TASK** HOW DOES THE AUTHOR'S STYLE AND/OR USE OF LANGUAGE CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS/INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE STORY? **PATHWAY** Key that reveals the [theme/generalization]\_ Definition/Explanation: Context [Quote it w/ pg. #]: Why I think the author used this that reveals the that reveals the of the **SETTING**: of a **CHARACTER**: HOW DO THESE WORDS CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE **STORY** [relevance of the character/s, conflict, etc]? Write a short paragraph explaining the [contributions] of the four words you noted. Definition/Explanation: Definition/Explanation: Context: Context: Why I think the author Why I think the author used this 💞: used this 💞: Key that reveals the CHARACTER, CONFLICT, or SETTING Definition/Explanation: Why I think the author used this word:/literary device: