

Mr. Francis
E3-EL

Fishbowl Discussions

I. Objective

To maintain a lively discussion to give the class a strong understanding and appreciation of the novel.

II. Procedure

For 25 minutes, the presenting group will discuss the story amongst themselves, while the audience listens actively and takes notes. The remaining time will be devoted to questions from the audience.

The group leader should begin the discussion by having someone in the group give a brief summary of the action of the previous night's reading. The leader should maintain the flow of the discussion with the questions provided by the members of the group and by using any motivational device that will yield the desired result, i.e., a lively discussion leading to a strong understanding and appreciation of the novel. The leader must make sure that everyone in the group participates.

III. Requirements

Group members:

- Come prepared to discuss the section, with a list of questions that touch upon interesting aspects of the novel.
- Each group will appoint a chairperson to mediate the discussion.
- Participate actively in the group's discussion, by asking one or more questions and by responding to the questions and comments of your peers with further comments of your own

Class members:

- Read the section to be discussed before arriving for class.
- Listen actively, by taking notes and preparing to enrich the discussion with questions.

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