

Socratic Seminar Scoring Guide

Advanced: Student meets *all* of the *proficient* criteria plus *one or more* of the following:

- Actively incorporates** others into the discussion
- Challenges** ideas and conclusions in thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas
- Summarizes** points of agreement and disagreement
- Qualifies** or **justifies** own views and understanding
- Makes new connections** in light of the evidence and reasoning presented

Proficient

- Student comes to discussion **prepared** (with **completed preparation notes and text**)
- Uses **body language** and **eye contact** to indicate **active listening** for the **duration of the seminar**
- Both **poses** and **responds to questions**
- Participates by doing at least one of the following:
 - **Building** on the thoughts of others by using appropriate transition words and phrases
 - Asking **clarifying** questions
 - **Quoting** the text to support a point
 - Using language of **recognition** and **appreciation** to promote **collaborative, collegial discussions**

Basic: Student meets 2-3 of the *proficient* criteria

Below Basic: Student meets only 1 of the *proficient* criteria

Far Below Basic: Student meets none of the *proficient* criteria