

Discussion Leader Guidelines

1. Provide a SHORT summary of the article. Just a couple minutes to refresh our memories on the major points. We all read it, so we don't need a long summary full of details.
2. Have five questions prepared designed to generate discussion. We might not get to all of them, but it's good to have a bunch in case discussion is hard to get going. Open-ended questions are best. Yes/No questions don't work well.

You will be graded on:

Your knowledge level of the paper. Did you seem to understand it deeply like someone who prepared to lead discussion or only at a surface level? (10 points)

Your questions. Did you prepare five questions? (Please turn them in to me.) Regardless of how discussion goes (you can't control that), were your questions well thought-out? Were they phrased in a way to generate discussion? (10 points)

Discussion guiding. Did you keep the discussion focused? It can be hard to know when to allow discussion to continue down a related path and when to refocus because it's getting off track. But a good discussion leader will keep the discussion from wandering too far and make sure all the time isn't spent on one question, but that several topics are covered. (10 points)