

What Makes a Good Discussion?

- **Empathetic Listening:** Give your complete attention to the speakers, showing the people in your group that you value their thoughts.
 - Use positive body language
 - Eye contact
 - Hands resting
- **Responding to Group Members:** Expand on other group members' ideas by sharing your thoughts and feelings about what they contributed to the conversations.
- **Clarifying:** Probe to understand each other's ideas better.
 - Tell me more about . . .
 - What do you mean . . . ?
 - Why do you think . . . ?
- **Sharing Ideas and Justifying Opinions:** Share parts of the book that are important to you and explain why they are important. Justify your opinions.
 - I think . . . because . . .
 - I wonder . . .
 - I was surprised . . .
 - This part reminds me of . . .
 - I don't understand . . .
 - I like this section of writing because . . .
 - I noticed . . .
 - I wish . . .
 - My favorite part is . . . because . . .
- **Self-reflection:** Consider what has been done well, and make decisions about what needs to be improved. Set goals for the future.