

## DIRECTIONS FOR A SOCRATIC SEMINAR...

The desks will be set with one smaller circle inside of a larger circle. The outside circle is the "observation circle." The desks in the inside circle are called the "hot seats."

We will begin our discussion with a question. ONLY the students in the "hot seats" can speak! Students will rotate in and out of the "hot seats" so that everyone has a turn to be in them and to speak.

Rules for discussion:

When you are in the "hot seats":

- 1) Listen to your classmates! Don't interrupt!
- 2) Make your point once and support your idea with facts.
- 3) Ask questions to your classmates to clarify what they have said.
- 4) Be respectful!

When you are in the "observation circle":

- 1) You can't speak!
- 2) Listen closely to your classmates
- 3) Most importantly – Take notes on what your classmates are saying!!!  
These notes will be useful to you when you are in the "hot seats."

Notes:

Questions/Comments I want to respond to:

Questions I have of my own:

Interesting Things I have learned:

## SOCRATIC SEMINAR REFLECTION

Please write in paragraph form (one paragraph per question)! EXPLAIN your answers in DETAIL (write on separate paper in necessary).

1. Describe what you most enjoyed about having a Socratic Seminar.
2. Describe one thing you found frustrating during the Socratic Seminar.
3. Explain the most interesting or surprising point(s) made by your classmates during the discussion
4. What is still bothering you after our discussion? What questions do you still have? What is still confusing?