

**Guidelines and Scoring Criteria
For Class Discussion**

An important part of your success in this course will depend on your participation in classroom discussions. This will be especially important when we are talking about something we have read together, including writings by one of your classmates.

Classroom Standard #2 states: "I will respect every person and every thing in this room."

Below is the scoring criteria that I will be using during class discussions. Remember, you must be recognized by me or by the discussion chairperson of the day in order to receive credit for your contribution to the discussion. I will keep a running tally of your discussion points. The points will be totaled twice (once at progress report time and again at report card time).

Symbol	Point Value	Description
v	+5	Evidence of basic knowledge of text (facts, sequence)
v +	+10	Statements or questions that demonstrate deeper thought about the text under discussion (inference, comparison and contrast, evaluations, etc.)
v+	+20	Appropriate response to a peer's comment or question. Note: You don't have to agree, but you do have to be respectful.
-	-5	Repeating a point already made (ie., not paying attention) unless you are asking for clarification
X	-20	Disrespectful or off-topic remark

I understand the requirements above and agree to observe the Classroom

Standards at all times during class discussion.

Printed name _____ Period _____

Signature _____ Date _____