

Book Club Role Playing

Suggest youth choose a role in the book club that gives them a perspective on the selected book. Different points of view help the group to discuss and understand what they read. See the sample roles below.

Discussion Director

- Facilitates the group discussion
- Identifies important aspects of the assigned text
- Develops questions for the group to discuss. For example:
 - › What are the major themes or “big ideas” in the text?
 - › How do you react to those ideas?
 - › What will most likely interest those in your group?

Illustrator

- Produces a visual piece related to the text, such as:
 - › Cartoon panels of a scene
 - › Drawing of a key moment in an important scene
 - › Diagrams to help explain action contained in a scene
 - › Organizational trees showing how a person, place or event relates to others
- Notes how their work relates to the text
- Includes labels identifying characters
- Uses one or more mediums to produce work, such as:
 - › Drawing
 - › Painting
 - › Collage
 - › Photography
 - › Model making
 - › Digital graphics

Word Wizard

- Makes a list of words from each session's text that are:
 - › Interesting
 - › New
 - › Important
 - › Used in unusual ways
- Includes each word's specific location in the material so the group can discuss them in context

Summarizer

- Finds passages for the group to hear read aloud. These passages should be:
 - › Memorable
 - › Interesting
 - › Puzzling
 - › Funny
 - › Important
- Includes notes with the quoted passages that explains:
 - › Why you chose the passages
 - › What you want to say about the passages
- Reads the passages aloud or asks other book club members to do so

Connector

Makes meaningful connections between what the group is reading and what they are studying in or outside of school. For example:

- Events in their lives
- News events
- Political events
- Popular trends
- Books they've read

Travel Agent

- Keeps track of where things are happening and how the setting may have changed
- Describes each setting in detail (including page numbers) using either:
 - › Words
 - › Picture maps
- Discusses the setting and any changes to it with the group

Game Show Host

- Encourages your group to use textual evidence within the book to answer questions
- Drafts five or six questions for each session's text that have answers in the book
- Challenges book club members to answer questions with page numbers and quotations

Facilitator Note: These should be “right-there questions.” Examples include:

- **When an event occurred**
- **Where it took place**
- **Which character said a quote**

When asking book club members the questions, require them to share the page number where the answer was located.