

Literature Circle Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (3)	Acceptable (2)	Not there yet (1)
Discussion Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Organizes discussion *Keeps group on task *Requires participation *Creates thoughtful, open-ended questions and asks follow up questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Organizes discussion *Mostly on task *Encourages participation *Creates general questions, some open-ended; sometimes asks follow-up questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorganized discussion Strays off task Little discussion Narrow questions, not open-ended; does not ask follow-up questions.
Illustrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Very detailed illustration *Illustration relates to a Literary Luminary passage *Drawing represents a meaningful part of the story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Detailed drawing *Illustration somewhat relates to a Literary Luminary passage *Drawing represents a somewhat meaningful part of the story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Simple drawing *Illustration is not closely related to a Literary Luminary passage *Drawing does not represent a meaningful part of the story (random).
Literary Luminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Passages are significant (descriptive, humorous, controversial, etc. *Entire group is engaged in finding and reading passages. *Significance of passages can be explained in a detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Passages are someone significant *Some of the group is engaged in finding and reading passages *Significance of passages can be explained simply ("I just liked it") 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Passages are random or insignificant *Group is not engaged in reading. *No explanation is available for passage choices
Connector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strong, detailed connection to life or world events, books, music, etc. *Clear, meaningful connection to text *Engages group in making similar connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Appropriate connection to life or world events, books, music, etc. *Connection somewhat fits the text *Some engagement of other group members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Connection is random or inappropriate for text *Group members are not engaged.
Summerizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Thorough summary, all significant passages are included. *Major story elements (plot, theme, characters, theme) are included. *Group is engaged in discussion and relates to the reading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Summary of chapters with a few major highlights. *Most story elements are included in discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Summary is not complete or does not focus on important parts of the story.

