Discussion Roles



Historian:

Explores the historical context of the selection, looking at both the time and setting that the selected chapters were written about. What social/historical/cultural circumstances were occurring at that particular time?

Biographer:



Investigates the life of the author, finding out information about the author's home, his or her family background, education, and other works published. Who and what are some of the influential people, events, anecdotes that may reveal something of the author's creative life? What else has the author published or written?



Summarizer:

Conveys the gist and key points of the reading.



Discussion Director:

Designs questions about the big ideas, posing insightful and thought-provoking inquiries for the rest of us to wrap our brains around.



Literary Luminary:

Selects and reads noteworthy passages to discuss.



Connector:

Links the selections to the outside world. What other texts have we read in class or have you read on your own that relate to the text being discussed?