

Literature Circle Intensive Investigator Just Dig It Up!

Name

Group


Text

Reading Assignment P.

To P.

Job: Intensive Investigator

- 1. Your first job is to read the text for meaning. Marking the text can help.**

Mark the Text	Notes Take notes as needed
Draw a heart next to something that reminds you of your own life or another text you have read 	
Draw ! next to critical or important information or something that surprised you or you didn't realize was going to happen	
Draw a ? next to something you have a question about	

- 2. Your second job is to dig up background information on things related to the text. You will present this to your group. It should only take 2 to 3 minutes. This could include several things:**

**The geography, weather, culture, or history of the book's setting.
Information about the author. Look up information on his or her life, and other stories the author has written. You could look up information about the time period of the book. Is it in the future, past or present?
You could also bring in pictures, or materials that relate to the book.
You might even be able to find music that goes along with the story.
What about a living person that has some relationship to the story?**

Maybe they could come and speak to the group or you could find a short video clip to use.

Investigate something that really interests you. That way you will do a great job when you report back to your group.

How Do I Gather Information?

The introduction, preface, or about the Author section of the book.

Library books, Reading Center books, and magazines.

Internet search or reference books.

Interviews with people who have a relationship to the story.

The librarian or teachers.

USE CHECKLIST TO STAY ON TRACK BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER

BEFORE LITERATURE CIRCLE	
	DID I READ THE TEXT FOR MEANING AND MARK THE TEXT?
	IS MY INFORMATION READY TO SHARE?
	DOES MY INFORMATION FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES? RELATE TO THE TEXT? BETWEEN 2 AND 3 MINUTES? COME FROM ANOTHER SOURCE AND NOT JUST MY OWN KNOWLEDGE?
DURING LITERATURE CIRCLE	
	AM I FOLLOWING THE RULES? 1. TAKING TURNS 2. ACTIVELY LISTENING 3. PARTICIPATING
	DID I SHARE MY INFORMATION FOR 2 OR 3 MINUTES?
	DID I NAME THE SOURCE WHERE THE INFORMATION CAME FROM?
	DID I TELL THE GROUP HOW THE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE TEXT?
	DID I ANSWER THE QUESTIONS MY GROUP ASKED ME?
AFTER LITERATURE CIRCLE	
	DID I GIVE MY ROLE CARD TO THE DELIGHTFUL DIRECTOR?
	DO I KNOW MY NEXT ROLE CARD?
	DID I FILL IN MY LITERATURE CIRCLE LOG WITH THE NEXT TEXT ASSIGNMENT AND MEETING DATE?