

Literature Circle Role Descriptions



Director

Helps guide the discussion

Keeps group on task

Chooses people to share questions and ideas

Make sure everyone in the group contributes equally

Helpful Hints

- Encourage everyone to ask FAT questions. (FAT questions really make you think and sometimes there is no right or wrong answer.)
- A good question usually begins with: *Why... How... If....*



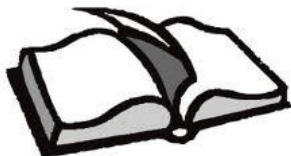
Summarizer

Prepares to summarize the nightly reading for the group to begin discussion

Shares the main ideas from the assigned chapters

Helpful Hints

- What are the most important things that happened?
- What are the key points of what you read?
- If you were writing the headline for a newspaper, what would best tell what happened?



Word Wizard

Comes to group with understanding of new vocabulary

Shares with the group new meanings and helps make connections

Look for other special words that are new, funny, different, interesting, strange, important, hard to say, hard to sound out

Helpful Hints

- Discuss your word(s) with your group.
- How does the word fit in the story?
- What is the dictionary meaning?
- Are there synonyms that will help everyone understand the meaning?
- Can you draw the word?



Illustrator

Comes to group with graphic to share (could be an illustration in the form of a drawing or cartoon or it could be a graphic organizer such as a web or timeline of events)

Explain how this graphic helped you understand the reading.

Helpful Hints

You could draw...

- A character
- A problem
- An exciting part
- A surprise
- A web of connections
- A cartoon
- A timeline of events
- Anything else!