

Discussion Rubric

	Understanding	Focus (flow)	Listening	Speaking	Respect
Accomplished	Demonstrates complete understanding of topic through the sharing of thoughts and ideas. Makes connections to other learning or events.	Discussion is on topic, continuous, and inspired.	Listens to and responds to the ideas of others.	Speaks clearly so that ideas can be clearly understood. Asks questions of others.	Upholds the right of each person in the group to speak. Differing points of view are always acknowledged and valued.
Proficient	Demonstrates understanding of the topic through sharing of thoughts and ideas.	Discussion is on topic and continuous.	Listens to and considers the ideas of others.	Speaks clearly so that ideas can be clearly understood.	Upholds the right of each person in the group to speak. Differing points of view are politely acknowledged.
Amateur	Demonstrates some understanding of topic, some sharing of thoughts or ideas.	Discussion is on topic but fragmented.	Hears what others have to say.	Speaks and expresses ideas.	Upholds the right of each person in the group to speak.
Beginner	Demonstrates limited understanding of topic through minimal sharing of thought and ideas.	Discussion strays from topic.	Attention is not always on the speaker.	Speaking is minimal.	Does not always allow other group members to speak.
No Evidence					