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## Socratic Seminar Prep Sheet

### Socratic Seminar Grading:

#### -5 Test Points

- This sheet completely done on due date = 1 point
- Participating once= 1 point
- Participating twice= 2 points
- Participating three times=4 points

**This sheet is due at the start of class on the day of the seminar. It must be completed BEFORE class starts.** Rushing to fill it out at the start of the class does not give you sufficient time to really seek out the best questions for the discussion.

Write **at least four discussable questions** about the book. Discussable questions are either *interpretive* or *evaluative*. Be sure your questions are original and are questions you are curious about. This will make for more interesting and meaningful discussion.

**Question 1:**

**Question 2:**

**Question 3:**

**Question 4:**

Write **two specific observations or comments** you have about the book. These are observations that could help you frame new questions or use to ask for other students' opinions on your observations.

- **Starter phrases for the Observation/Comment section:**
  - What puzzles me is...
  - I'm confused about...
  - Don't you think this is similar to...
  - Another point of view about \_\_\_\_ is...
  - What does it mean when the author says...
  - It was really frustrating when...because...
  - It was interesting that...

**Observation/Comment 1:**

**Observation/Comment 2:**

Write at least **one quotation** from the book that you think could inspire a meaningful discussion of a character, plot, or theme in the book.

**Important Quotation and what you want to talk about regarding the quotation:**

## **Observation Sheet**

As you observe the discussion, keep track of the main topics and questions being discussed. You will also be asked to evaluate some of the argumentation and analysis displayed during the seminar.

### **Section 1: Topic/Question Overview (Answer both)**

What was the best question asked? What made it a good question? What answer did you have for it?

What was the most interesting idea posed from a participant? What did it make you consider that perhaps you hadn't thought of before?

### **Notes/Ideas**