

## Major roles for group members

- 1) **Facilitator** (Hill 104)
  - a) Records a few thought-provoking questions for the group to talk about.
  - b) Begins the discussion with one of the above questions.
  - c) Ensures that all members participate and have an equal chance to voice their thoughts and opinions
  - d) Maintains enthusiasm and keeps up a lively pace
  - e) Ensures that the group stays on task
  - f) Ensures that all group members playing various roles share their work.
- 2) **Connector**
  - a) Finds connections
    - i) Between the book and yourself
    - ii) Between the book and the outside world, such as stories in the news or the local community
    - iii) Between the book and other pieces of literature.
- 3) **Literary Luminary**
  - a) Locates several quotations from the section you are reading. The idea is to help your group members go back to some interesting, powerful, funny, puzzling, or important section of the reading to think about them carefully.
- 4) **Illustrator**
  - a) Good readers create pictures in their minds as they read.
  - b) Share some of your own images and visions. Draw some kind of picture related to the section you have read. It can be a sketch, cartoon, diagram, stick-figure scene, etc.
  - c) The drawing can be about something that happened in this section, something the reading reminded you of, or a picture that conveys an idea or feeling about the reading.
  - d) Create your drawing and share it with your group when it fits into the conversation. Let each member speculate about the meaning of your drawing.
  - e) Then, share your own ideas about what you drew.
- 5) **Word Wizard**
  - a) The words an author selects are part of the author's style or craft.
  - b) Your job is to look for several words that have special meaning in today's reading section. Your group will then discuss these words.
  - c) The words might be
    - i) Puzzling or strange
    - ii) Unfamiliar
    - iii) Humorous
    - iv) Repeated in the text
    - v) A key to the meaning of the text
  - d) When your group meets, talk over your selections.
- 6) **Recorder**
  - a) Records the date and names of members present
  - b) Writes down the pages the group will read for the next meeting
  - c) At the end of the discussion time, with the help of the group, summarizes the major points, ideas, questions discussed.