

8th GRADE BOOK CLUBS

Welcome to your new Book Club! For the rest of this unit, we'll be meeting with our Book Clubs every so often to read, discuss, and write about what we've read. Each Book Club member will fulfill a certain role, so take some time now to decide who will do what.

Official Book Club Name: _____

Discussion Director/Questioner

As **Discussion Director**, your job is to ask the questions. When your group is having a discussion or dialogue, act as the leader and keep the conversation going. When your group is working on other tasks, ask questions to keep your group thinking deeply. If the conversation starts getting derailed, try your best to get the group back on topic.

Name: _____

Administrative Assistant

As **Administrative Assistant**, your job is to record everything! If your group needs to take notes or record any ideas from a discussion or activity, that's your job. You will also be responsible for holding onto your Book Club's folder and keeping track of any hand-outs or worksheets that your group completes together.

Name: _____

Enforcer

As **Enforcer**, you should try your very best to make sure everyone in the group **steps up and steps back** as necessary. Is someone being shy? Make them feel comfortable and encourage them to join the conversation. Is someone talking over everyone else? Remind them politely to step back.

Name: _____

Crowd Control

As **Crowd Control**, your job is to keep everyone focused on the task at hand. Read the directions and make sure that everyone in your group understands what they are supposed to be doing. Side conversations? Shut them down (politely of course)! Group members getting into a disagreement? Do your best to help keep things civil. Most importantly, make sure everyone stays on the task at hand.

Name: _____

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BOOK CLUB CONTRACT

Aside from the Book Club Roles, what other guidelines or rules would you want your Book Club to follow in order to be the most productive and effective group?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

We, _____ (book group name) , agree to the previous rules and roles, and will try our best to follow them. If any problems arise, we will behave professionally and arrange to meet with Ms. Matthew as necessary.

Signed,
