

Fishbowl Discussions

Goal

I can engage in a meaningful discussion to explore ideas or opinions and support them with text evidence.



Rules for the fish

1. Only fish in the fishbowl speak or ask questions.
2. Only 1 fish in the fishbowl speaks at a time. If two fish start speaking one must pull back.
3. State your ideas or opinions, supporting them with text evidence (cited).
4. Follow up comments must stay on topic.
5. You can agree or disagree with the speaker, but you always provide additional evidence to support your opinion (cited).
6. You cannot leave the fishbowl until you have contributed to the discussion in a meaningful way.
7. Enter and exit the fishbowl quietly.
8. When you leave, tag a fish watcher who has not been in the bowl to go inside.
9. Put your chip away before leaving the discussion.

Rules for the fish watchers

1. Listen carefully to the fish and take notes.
2. Do you agree or disagree with their comments? Why?
3. Write down what you want to say so you don't forget when it is your turn.
4. Keep your chip on the table in front of you. Take it to the fishbowl when it is your turn.