

# SOCRATIC SEMINAR OBSERVATION FORM

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's name \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** You and your partner will complete this sheet and turn it in with your seminar notes as part of your seminar grade.

1. **PRE-SEMINAR GOAL:** What area(s) do you want to work on in this seminar? Why? Your goal should be specific and measurable.

2. **OBSERVATIONS:** Hand your sheet to your partner. Each time you do one of the following, your partner will put a check in the box.

**Speaks in the discussion:**

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**Looks at the person who is speaking:**

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**Refers to the text:**

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**Asks a new question:**

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**Asks a clarifying question:**

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**Draws someone else into the conversation:**

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**Responds to another speaker:**

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**Interrupts another speaker:**

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**Engages in side conversation:**

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**After the discussion:** What is the most interesting thing your partner said?

3. **POST-OBSERVATION**: Write thoughtful and detailed responses to the following questions.

What would you like to have said in the discussion?

How did you do with respect to your pre-seminar goal?

What will you do differently to make your next seminar better?