***Johnny Tremain* Socratic Seminar**

Socrates was a famous philosopher and teacher well known for asking questions and teaching students to think critically. A Socratic discussion focuses on conversation for understanding or learning. It is not a debate to be won. There is no one right or wrong answer.

Expectations:

1. Be prepared with notes.
2. Stick to the point currently under discussion.
3. Don’t raise hands; take turns speaking.
4. Listen carefully and actively.
5. Talk to each other, not the teacher.
6. Discuss ideas.
7. Avoid side conversations—you will lose points.
8. While in the inner circle, **you must participate at least two times**.
9. While in the outer circle, you must evaluate your partner.

Ideas for responses:

I really liked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I’d add \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My observations are similar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because.

I agree with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I also think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I disagree with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ds point. I think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I’d like to change the subject to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My point is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.