

Literature Circle Roles

Researcher

Name _____ Circle _____

Meeting Date _____ Reading Assignment _____

Book _____

Researcher: Your job is to dig up some background information on any relevant topic related to your book. This might include

- The geography, weather, culture, or history of the book's setting
- Pertinent information about the author and other related works
- Information about the time period portrayed in the book
- Information on any topics or events represented in the book
- Information on any topics or events that may have influenced the author
- Pictures, objects, or materials that illustrate elements of the book
- The history and derivation of words or names used in the book
- Information about any character that is based on a historical person

This is *not* a formal research report. The idea is to find some information or material that helps your group understand the book better. Investigate something that really interests you – something that struck you as puzzling or curious while you were reading.

Ways of gathering information:

- The introduction, preface, or “about the author” section of the book
- Library books and magazines
- On-line computer search or encyclopedia
- Interviews with people who know the topic
- Other novels, nonfiction, or textbooks you've read

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Literary Luminary

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Literary Luminary: Your job is to locate a few special sections or quotations in the text for your group to talk over. The idea is to help people go back to some especially interesting, powerful, funny, puzzling, or important sections of the reading and think about them more carefully. Also look for literary devices and make connections to the six elements of fiction. As you decide which passages or paragraphs are worth going back to, make a note why you picked each one and consider some plans for how they should be shared. You can read passages aloud yourself, ask someone else to read them, or have people read them silently and then discuss. *Remember, the purpose is to suggest material for discussion.*

Page # and Paragraph	Reason for Picking	Plan for Discussion