

Harkness Discussion Checklist

After the discussion, as a group, give an accurate score for each category. Each section is worth ten points.

A hardworking, critical thinking discussion in which students engaged in the following:

- Everyone equitably participated meaningfully and substantively in the discussion
 - Students participated without fear
 - Student took risks in their responses
 - Students were encouraged to participate
 - Students assigned roles and tracked the discussion to ensure flow
 - One student did not take over the discussion
- The flow of the discussion was at a smooth pace. Points were not overly drawn out or rushed over.
 - The discussion built on comments and questions. All points or questions were resolved before the next topic
 - There as focus on one speaker at a time
 - Students stayed on topic was the task
- The discussion was engaging and did not feel “fake”
 - Students carefully considered points
- Students listened carefully to one another
- Students supported their points with evidence and further research
 - The text was referred to often
 - Students made relevant connections to today and other texts (including media)