

Literature Circle Format

1. **Choose Leader** – Choose a discussion leader. This person will be Person #1, with others numbering off clockwise around the group.
2. **Summarize** – Starting with the leader, everyone take turns summarizing the book. Allow one minute per person. Each person continues where the last person left off.
3. **Share Response Logs** – Starting with the leader, take turns reading your response log entries. Follow this format:
Student #1 reads journal entry aloud to the group.
Starting with #2, each person responds in some way:
 I agree. . . .
 I like . . .
 I see your point but . . .
Student #2 reads journal entry.
Starting with #3, everyone responds.
Continue until all have read and responded.
4. **Discuss** – Ask if anyone would like to discuss anything else about the book. You can tell your favorite part, make predictions, give your opinion about characters and events, ask questions about parts you don't understand, etc.
5. **Read** – Decide how much reading you will do before the next meeting. Write down the page where you want everyone to stop reading. Read together or individually.

