

# Talking Sticks Literature Circle

1. **Choose Leader** – Choose a discussion leader. This person needs to get *a cup with two talking sticks for each person*. Pass out the sticks when you form your circle. Everyone will use them to signal that they want to speak, placing one in the cup when they begin talking.
2. **Summarize** – Starting with the leader, everyone take turns summarizing the book. Hold up a stick when you want to add to the summary. Place it in the cup when you start speaking. Each person continues where the last person left off, and everyone needs to contribute something to the summary.
3. **Discuss Journal Entries** - The leader reads the Journal Prompt aloud. If anyone wants to respond, hold up a stick. Put your stick in the cup when you begin sharing your answer. Remember, when everyone runs out of sticks, pass them out again. The object is to USE the sticks, not to keep them!
4. **Discuss Questions** - Next, take turns reading a question from your Journal. Place a stick in the cup when you read your question, and then call on people to answer. They must give up a stick when they respond. Everyone needs to share at least one of their questions.
5. **Set Reading Goals** - Decide how much to read for the next meeting and fill out your bookmark.
6. **Write Reflections** - Return to your seat when you are finished discussing the book. Write a reflection about how the meeting went in your Response Journal.

