

ELEVATING THE QUALITY OF STUDENT-LED LITERATURE CIRCLE DISCUSSIONS

The resources linked below are all free templates that correspond with my literature circles blog post. [Click here](#) to read the post and find more information about how to use each tool with students.



[Read the blog post here.](#)

Sell the Books! (Slideshow Template)

- Use a slideshow to introduce books to students and get them excited about reading!
- Here is a [template](#) you can use and modify.

Set a Purpose! (Question Matrix)

- Establish a purpose for reading each week. Purposes are often built around literary analysis, figurative language, reading skills, or speaking and listening standards.
- Here is a [template](#) of the question matrix you can use if one of your goals is for students to develop and pose higher-level questions during literature circle conversations.

Create a Schedule! (Student Calendar)

- Create a comfortable, regular rhythm students will appreciate.
- Here is a [template](#) of a calendar you can use and modify. Give students ownership of selecting which pages or chapters they would like to read for each group discussion day.

Use Discussion Prep! (Discussion Prep)

- Teach students how to prepare for literature circle discussions. This means, give them some scaffolding in terms of what to look for.
- Here is a [template](#) of a discussion prep page students can use to prepare. It also works well as a quick reference during the discussion.

Generate Rubrics with Students! (Rubric Template)

- Ensure students understand what proficiency looks and sounds like with speaking and listening standards by inviting them into the rubric creation process..
- Here is a rubric [template](#) and example for a speaking and listening standard.

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