**Fishbowl Discussion**

Follow the directions below as we participate in the class discussion:

The inner circle students are the only students allowed to discuss. Those students will take turns drawing questions from the fishbowl.

Students in the outer circle must take notes about the discussion they are observing.

* These notes can include but are not limited to:
	+ major topics
	+ opinions offered
	+ personal view on the topic
	+ whether they agree or disagree with what is discussed
	+ additional questions they may have
	+ important points and arguments brought up by members of the inner circle

If a student on the outer circle wishes to speak, they may walk up and tap the shoulder of a person in the inner circle. If your shoulder is tapped you must stand up and switch spots with the person who tapped your shoulder and begin taking notes.

Each student must participate in the inner circle at least once.

Everyone’s opinion should be heard and valued.

* Ex: not talking over one another, taking turns, agreeing to disagree, not putting people down etc.
* Remember, people will more often respect your opinion if you listen to theirs.

Any student may begin the discussion by talking. Students do not need to raise hands or ask for permission.

Once a question is “dead” students may pick another question out of the bowl and begin.

* We consider a question “dead” if students notice that there are no new insights being offered, just repeating of what has already been said.

Students are graded based on a combination of their contribution to the inner circle and their notes from the outer circle. \*If these above directions are not followed, students will be asked to take a short “time out” from the circle and lose points.