

Successful Collaborative Discussion Checklist

I am successful because I...		
1. Am prepared and contribute to the discussion:	2. Reply to my classmates' ideas, using responsive and respectful language:	3. Use clear and appropriate academic language:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read the text to be discussed. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete my readers' response. <input type="checkbox"/> Come to the discussion with ideas about the reading. <input type="checkbox"/> Stay on topic. <input type="checkbox"/> Try to understand what my classmates are communicating about the topic/text. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask questions, ask for assistance, ask for clarification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wait for the speaker to complete his/her thoughts before I speak <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to the previous speaker when I add to the discussion. For example, "I agree with _____ because_____." <input type="checkbox"/> Use respectful language when challenging my classmates' ideas. <input type="checkbox"/> Criticize the ideas, but never the person who said them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Speak clearly and challenge myself to use vocabulary and language specific to the topic. <input type="checkbox"/> Use my resources (e.g., sentence starters, bounce cards, word walls).
4. Use evidence to support my ideas:	5. Stay focused on the task with my group:	6. Remember my own goals and challenge myself:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to the text or previous lessons to support my ideas. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide reasons and examples that demonstrate my ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Keep in mind the goal of my group work and make sure my ideas are on topic and relevant. <input type="checkbox"/> Guide my classmates back to the topic when needed: "You are making some important points, but what does it have to do with _____?" <input type="checkbox"/> Respond when classmates ask for clarification or assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Self-assess regularly. <input type="checkbox"/> Set my own goals and challenge myself each time I work with my group.

