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## Fishbowl Group Discussion

### Ground Rules

- Observers are not allowed to speak during the discussion. Their job is to listen and learn.
- The **facilitator** is responsible for keeping the discussion going by asking questions and for ensuring that all members of the fishbowl have an opportunity to speak.
- Everyone in the fishbowl must have an opportunity to talk.
- The fishbowl discussion should last for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

### Group Discussion Skills

Take note of students in the fishbowl discussion who

- initiate discussion
- offer information, ideas, or opinions about the topic
- ask for information, others' ideas or opinions, or ask constructive, critical questions
- summarize points
- clarify contributions by others
- verbally or non-verbally support, help, agree, or joke to relieve tension
- encourage others to speak (verbally or non-verbally)
- express disagreement appropriately (verbally or non-verbally)

Write down specific examples of skills observed.