

Introduction to Group Discussions

There is an old adage that says “two heads are better than one.” We will be using group activities on a frequent basis in Geography this year. In order to get the ball rolling, we will be starting group work with the following activity. This particular assignment will have each group member submit an individual product. However, on many occasions this year, the entire group will submit one item for the whole group.

Procedure: Below are 2 quotes that have related concepts.

“All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.” George Orwell – 20th century British author.

“Freeman and slave, patrician and plebeian, lord and serf, guild-master and journeyman, in a word, oppressor and oppressed, stood in constant opposition to one another, carried on an uninterrupted, now hidden, now open fight, a fight that each time ended, either in a revolutionary reconstitution of society at large, or in the common ruin of the contending classes.” Karl Marx – 19th century German author.

Step 1: Find your group by making the animal sound that you were given.

Step 2: Choose the group leader.

Step 3: Discuss the meaning of both quotes as they relate to each other and the book “Animal Farm”

Step 4: Take **individual** notes as you discuss the meaning.

Step 5: Choose the one quote that speaks the most to you and that you feel applies closest to the novel. You may choose a quote that is different from other members of your group.

Concluding Assignment:

Step 6: Write 2 paragraphs in your notebook concerning the quotes using the following guidelines.

- Paragraph 1 explains both quotes and what their meanings are.
- Paragraph 2 explains the connections between the quote you chose and the novel. Be specific. Don't just state that it came from the novel.
- Each paragraph must be between 5 to 10 intelligent sentences with a topic sentence in each.

Group Discussion rules

- You must use your whisper voices.
- Only discuss within your own group
- Only 1 person speaks at a time
- Be respectful of other people's feelings and opinions
- You can always agree to disagree.