

## Lesson 12. Literature Circle Meeting 1: Engaging in Active Discussions

Discuss the assigned pages of reading with your group. Active discussions involve every member of your group, and they require you to hone your discussion skills. Remember to practice the following:

### ***Body Language***

- Visibly show you are listening through leaning in, looking at the speaker, and nodding your head.
- Demonstrate engagement by using your notes and book as reference points.
- Use the computer to type notes, but tip the screen down when talking with your classmates to engage in the dialogue with your fellow readers, not the screen.
- Engage with each person in the team.
- Monitor your own “airtime” so that everyone is able to discuss and share equally.
- Share collective leadership by taking turns within the team.

### ***Demonstrate Knowledge About the Reading Through Your Discussion and Notes***

- Engage in conversation related to the book and big ideas in the reading.
- Use sticky notes to mark passages to discuss.
- Use your discussion questions that you prepared for this meeting (Lesson 8).
- Give clear responses and use the materials you prepared for the meeting, including your thinking from the dialectic journal and culture log (Lesson 8).
- Explore the essential questions for our “Reading Our World and Exploring Perspectives: Identity and Culture” inquiry unit.
- Take collective notes on our online class space.