CCSS Collaborative Discussion Rubric Grades 3-5

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	Preparation	Behaviors/Norms	Engagement	Synthesis	Accuracy
4	Student is thoroughly prepared for the discussion: Shows deep understanding of the topic, having read or studied the required material Explicitly draws on that preparation to explore ideas under discussion	Student effectively follows set behaviors and norms for discussion: Knows and follows established rules and roles Establishes and maintains eye contact Uses gestures naturally and effectively when speaking Encourages speaker through appropriate use of posture and body language	Student engages effectively in the conversation: Clearly explores/expresses original thoughts when speaking Asks insightful questions Listens attentively and respectfully to others' ideas, opinions and points of view Challenges other's ideas, opinions, points of view appropriately and constructively	Accurately synthesizes ideas: Accurately summarizes the ideas expressed Effectively explains their new ideas and understandings in light of the conversation Integrates and extends the ideas of others	Student demonstrates accurate knowledge and speaks effectively about the topic: Explores new academic and domain specific vocabulary successfully Uses clear and accurate evidence to support discussion Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar
3	Student is adequately prepared for the discussion: • Knowledgeable about the topic due to having read or studied the material • Refers to preparation to explore ideas under discussion	Student adequately follows set behaviors and norms for discussion: Mostly follows established rules and roles Maintains appropriate eye contact when speaking Uses gestures adequately when speaking Demonstrates appropriate posture and body language when listening to others	Student engages adequately in the conversation: Explores/expresses own thoughts when speaking Asks appropriate questions Listens to others' ideas, opinions and points of view Questions other's ideas, opinions, points of view appropriately	Student adequately synthesizes ideas: Summarizes the ideas expressed Explains their new ideas and understandings in light of the conversation Builds on the ideas of others when speaking	Student demonstrates adequate knowledge and speaks adequately about the topic: Uses new academic and domain specific vocabulary Uses evidence to support discussion Demonstrates adequate command of the conventions of standard English grammar
2	Student is partially prepared for the discussion: Shows a familiarity of topic May refer to notes or preparation but may lack accuracy	Student partially follows set behaviors and norms for discussion: Sometimes follows established rules and roles Maintains eye contact some of the time Makes some use of gestures Demonstrates appropriate posture and body language some of the time	Student partially engages in the conversation: Demonstrates some ability to explore/express thoughts Attempts to ask questions Listens some of the time to others' ideas, opinions and points of view Attempts to question other's ideas, opinions, points of view	Attempts to show some understanding of ideas expressed Attempts to share a new idea based on the conversation Demonstrates some ability to build on other's ideas	Student demonstrates some knowledge about the topic: Attempts to use new academic and domain specific vocabulary Attempts to use evidence to support discussion but may be unclear or inaccurate Demonstrates partial command of the conventions of standard English grammar
1	Student is minimally prepared for the discussion: • Minimal knowledge of the topic	Student minimally follows set behaviors and norms for discussion Limited awareness of rules and roles Has difficulty maintaining eye contact Makes limited use of gestures Has difficulty maintaining appropriate posture and body language	Student minimally engages in the conversation: Demonstrates limited ability to explore/express thoughts Asks few questions Demonstrates limited ability to listen to others' ideas, opinions and points of view Questioning of other's may be inappropriate	Student minimally synthesizes ideas: Limited awareness of ideas expressed Has difficulty sharing new ideas based on the conversation Has difficulty building on the ideas of others	Student demonstrates minimal knowledge about the topic:: Uses a limited vocabulary Uses limited or inaccurate evidence to support discussion Demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English grammar