

### How to Prepare for a Socratic Seminar

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- The list of seminar questions
- Your Signposts notes
- Your notes from the themes discussion
- The Four A's and Transitional Phrases handout
- Lined paper or a new Google doc
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Follow these steps:

1. If working with a partner, use the Norms of Collaboration handout and the Four A's and Transitional Phrases handout to practice using those when discussing
2. Read the first question on the list of seminar questions
3. Brainstorm parts from the text that would help you answer the question
  - a. Remember, if someone else gives your quote first, you can't get credit for sharing that quote
  - b. The more parts you think of, the more likely you will have enough quotes just in case
4. Find those parts in the book and mark them or write down the quote(s) with page numbers
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