



Medical College of Wisconsin Common Read

Book Discussion Guidelines: For Participants

Logistics

1. Select one or more of the offered book discussions that interests you to attend
2. Bring a copy of the book, if possible, to reference during the discussion

Tips

- ✓ Begin with positive comments. What you liked about the book and why.
- ✓ Avoid recapping or summarizing the book, assume everyone has read it.
- ✓ The discussion should focus around the theme selected by the facilitator. You may share your personal experiences as they relate to the book, but be brief
- ✓ Not everyone will agree with your ideas. Disagreements should be discussed respectfully. Keep an open mind and listen carefully to other opinions.
- ✓ Respond to comments of others instead of waiting to only share your own
- ✓ Discuss aspects of the book that didn't appeal to you or you found difficult to accept, express these as questions, rather than statements
- ✓ Talk with discussion partners, not just the facilitator
- ✓ Most importantly, enjoy!!

Remember

Always assume good intent.

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