

Socratic Seminar Directions (adapted for third grade)

Before:

- Read text in advance.
- Form a circle so each student can see each other.
- Prepare open ended questions in advance.
- Expectations:
 - There is no wrong answer as long as answer can be supported by evidence from the text.
 - Explain Socratic Rubric and rules.
 - Explain use of red cubes (answer cubes) and green cubes (comment cubes).
 - Red cube – answers a direct question
 - Green cube – comments on another student's answer
 - Cubes stay in the middle once they are used. That allows for all students to have equal opportunity to speak.

During

- Teacher asks first question.
- Students will continue answering, commenting, asking further questions before the teacher asks another question.
- Students make reference to text when answering and commenting.

After

- Discuss next required reading, questions students may have about it, and questions the teacher may ask.
- Ask for a summary of skills covered or review main skill covered.