

literature circles ^[1]

Type of Speech:

noun ^[2]

Definition:

Classroom organizational strategy designed to facilitate in-depth conversations about literature among students. Literature circles are characterized by student-centered responses to literature, collaborative exploration of a text's themes, and higher-order thinking as students pursue and explore questions and insights about literature.

Additional Information:

Literature circles are student-led book discussion groups, in which students choose their own reading material. Students rotate through predefined roles within small, temporary groups such as:

- discussion director
- literary luminary
- artful artist capable
- connector
- word wizard

This is a sample list of common roles used in literature circles. Teachers should feel at liberty to create additional or alternative roles for their students.

For further explanation:

- [Education World](#) ^[3] features an article, [Literature Circles Build Excitement for Books!](#) ^[4] that provides more information about literature circles and explains the teacher's role, addresses grouping strategies, and highlights benefits for at-risk students.

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