



Dr. Nak's Guidelines for Class Discussion



1. Be a close listener to others.
2. Ask for more information if you are not clear about what someone said.
3. As much as possible, support or illustrate your points with specific examples or quotes.
4. Relate your points to previous ones - or clearly say that you are moving to a new point. Make sure everyone who wants to has had a chance to comment on the point under discussion before you move to a new point.
5. Questions are as important as comments.
6. Everyone should contribute to the discussion. All different perspectives are needed and wanted - and each contribution (comment or question) makes the discussion richer.
7. Everyone is responsible for everyone's participating. Don't blame the talkers. Don't blame the non-talkers. Invite non-talkers to participate.
8. You will learn how to participate in discussions by practicing. If you are shy or insecure about joining the discussion, know that you will improve just by trying or practicing. The rest of us will support you. All of us will support each other. And most importantly, **HAVE FUN!!**

