

## Movie Discussion Circle (Shared Doc): Growing Up

On \_\_\_\_\_ we will have discussions about movies relating to the theme of growing up. Before the discussions, you must choose one of the movies and watch it first to enjoy it. Then watch it again and take lots of notes to prepare for the discussion. Each of you will be a group leader for 12 minutes during which time you must guide your section of the discussion. This is a challenging task, so you will need to take **lots of** notes and use all of your discussion skills to participate actively and positively during the **whole** discussion.

Next, let's choose the movies we will watch. I chose movies you can either find on Netflix or rent from iTunes. (I am sure you can rent many of them from Amazon or Tsutaya, too.) They are all amazing movies, so you won't be disappointed. The only rules are you can't have watched it before, and we must have 4 or 5 members in each group. There will be 4 (or 5) groups and each group will discuss a different movie. Please watch the trailers below:

### Movie Choices

<u>Whiplash (セッション)</u> (iTunes/Amazon)	<a href="#">Here</a>
<u>Into the Wild</u> (Amazon/)	<a href="#">Here</a>
<u>Moonlight</u> (Netflix/iTunes/Amazon)	<a href="#">Here</a>
<u>Boyhood</u> (iTunes/Amazon)	<a href="#">Here</a>
<u>Slumdog Millionaire</u> (Amazon/)	<a href="#">Here</a>
<u>Dead Poets Society</u> (iTunes/Amazon/)	<a href="#">Here</a>
<u>Lady Bird</u> (iTunes/Amazon/)	<a href="#">Here</a>

Choose which movies you would like to watch. You should vote for three by raising your hands.

Now add your names to the movie you are going to watch. Make sure to choose one you **can** watch.

	Movie	Names
1		
2		
3		
4		

## Movie Circle Roles (Individual Preparation Sheet)

In your groups, decide your roles and write your names below.

Plot Summarizer: Leader Name	
<b>Leader</b>	<p>You must go first and give a summary of the plot, the setting, and the main characters. Think of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What are the key moments?</li> <li>● Where is the movie set?</li> <li>● Who are the main characters?</li> <li>● Retell the story in your own words?</li> </ul> <p>Work with the other group members to give a detailed summary of the story. Ask two discussion questions about the plot.</p>
<b>Others</b>	<p>Help the leader by suggesting plot points the leader might have missed or that you disagree or agree with. You should all work together to summarize the plot. Discuss the questions.</p>
Character Studies (1 or 2): Leader Name	
<b>Leader</b>	<p>Choose a character from the movie and describe him or her? Why does he/she do what she does? How do you feel about this character and why? Ask two discussion questions about this character.</p>
<b>Others</b>	<p>Discuss the leader's choice. Choose a character and ask the other members a discussion question about them (the same character is OK).</p>
Scene selector (1 or 2): Leader Name	
<b>Leader</b>	<p>Choose a scene which you think is important to the story. Explain how you feel about this scene and how it fits into the story. Why was this scene so important or memorable? Ask two discussion questions about the scene.</p>
<b>Others</b>	<p>Give your opinions about leader's scene. Suggest another scene you thought was important and why.</p>
Culture Connector (1 or 2): Leader Name	
<b>Leader</b>	<p>Explain how you can connect to this movie either from personal experience or culturally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What was culturally similar or different to Japan?</li> <li>● Have you experienced or heard of someone experiencing similar things?</li> <li>● What was new or surprised you about this movie?</li> </ul> <p>Ask at least two discussion questions about culture or personal connections to the movie.</p>
<b>Others</b>	<p>Give your opinions about the leader's thoughts. Give a connection you have to the movie.</p>

	Preparation (30%)	Participation (20%)	Skills (20%)	Content (30%)
<b>A</b>	Many notes	Spoke positively during the whole discussion	Used many discussion phrases	Spoke about the movie's plot, characters, scenes, and connections in a deep way
<b>B</b>	Between A and C	Between A and C	Between A and C	Between A and C
<b>C</b>	Few notes	Long silences	Used few discussion phrases	You only talked about the movie in a simple way.

- Please explain tricky words in English (No Speaking Japanese!)
- Write any vocabulary or phrases you need in your notes (you can **write** the meanings in Japanese).
- You can print out or handwrite your notes if you like and then send an image of them for me to check.
- Make lots of notes for when you are a leader **and** a group member based on the roles above.
- Don't forget to write new discussion phrases you want to use.

<b>Leader notes</b>	
<b>Plot notes</b>	
<b>Character notes</b>	
<b>Scene notes</b>	
<b>Cultural connection notes</b>	
<b>Discussion phrases notes</b>	