Guidelines for Listening and Discussion

As you listen notice what feelings, memories and experiences, are evoked for you.

Do you have a sense of the meaning of the narrative for the writer? If not, what else do you want to know or understand? Ask a question that might help clarify this for you.

Do you have a perception you want to offer back? In what experience of your own is that perception grounded?

Recognize that any meaning you make about the author’s experience is a hypothesis and colored by your own experience. Offer comments that both situate your own experience and express the spirit of curiosity—“I wonder if…? From my experience it seems like…does that fit with yours?”

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