

Planning the Discussion Worksheet

1. What is the big question you want participants to explore? What themes do you want to explore?

2. What reading will you use to get at this question, and why will you use this reading?

3. What are some challenges in helping participants *receive* and *discuss* this text or set of texts?

4. How might you help the group *overcome* these challenges?

5. Will you begin with an *opening exercise*? How will you structure it?

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6. What *questions* would you like to ask about this reading?

- Questions of clarification: What does it say?
- Questions of interpretation: What does it say to us?
- Questions of implication: So what? How does this reading connect to our shared civic experience?

7. What kind of *closing exercise*, if any, will you employ?