*The Book Thief* Discussion Groups

As we begin our discussion of *The Book Thief*, you will identify important topics and themes to discuss using your reading notes. This is a rich and engaging text. There are a great number of things worth our consideration.

After creating this list, I will divide you into small groups and assign each group a number of these topics. You will have one class period to prepare for a larger group discussion the following day.

In your groups, find ways to involve your classmates in the discussion by asking questions and making comments of your own. Everyone in the group must participate in the larger discourse.

Rubric

Did the group deal with their assigned issues? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 points

Did the group provoke discussion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 points

Did each group member participate? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 points

Did the group ask effective questions? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 points

Did the group demonstrate a deep understanding of the text? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 points

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 25 points