Discussion roles

Name ____________________

**Initiating**-- break an initial or interim silence by introducing a possible topic for group consideration.

**Information Seeking**-- ask a factual question

**Opinion Seeking** -- ask an opinion question

**Comparing ideas**-- identify a relationship among ideas and suggestions

**Summarizing** -- provide a clear summary of what has been said on a topic

**Gatekeeping**-- encourage someone who has not recently spoken to share his or her thoughts

**Information Giving**-- contribute facts or evidence relating to the topic

**Opinion Giving**-- state your own beliefs, attitudes, or opinions on this topic

**Synthesizing ideas**-- combine two ideas to create something new

**Listening**-- pay attention and respond to other’s comments. Restate the ideas of a previous speaker before adding your own contribution.

**Encouraging**-- Be as sympathetic and understanding of other’s views as you can. Compliment someone for particularly good ideas or positive contributions.

**Responding**-- answer factual or opinion questions when you have information to share. Comment on a previous statement