Discussion Self-evaluation

Name _____________________________

1. Overall, how would you rate our seminar discussions?

2. How would you rate your own contribution to our discussions?

3. Consider the following discussion skills. Indicate the three skills you are best at. Select three you would like to improve.
   1. Initiating-- break an initial or interim silence by introducing a possible topic for group consideration.
   2. Information Seeking-- ask a factual question
   3. Opinion Seeking -- ask an opinion question
   4. Comparing ideas-- identify a relationship among ideas and suggestions
   5. Summarizing -- provide a clear summary of what has been said on a topic
   6. Gatekeeping-- encourage someone who has not recently spoken to share his or her thoughts
   7. Information Giving-- contribute facts or evidence relating to the topic
   8. Opinion Giving-- state your own beliefs, attitudes, or opinions on this topic
   9. Synthesizing ideas-- combine two ideas to create something new
   10. Listening-- pay attention and respond to other’s comments. Restate the ideas of a previous speaker before adding your own contribution.
   11. Encouraging-- Be as sympathetic and understanding of other’s views as you can. Compliment someone for particularly good ideas or positive contributions.
   12. Responding-- answer factual or opinion questions when you have information to share.

4. Who would you say were the three most valuable contributors to our discussions?