

Mini Literature Circle (Leveled Readers)

1. **Choose Leader** – Choose a discussion leader. This person will pass out two popsicle sticks per team member.
2. **Summarize** – Starting with the leader, everyone take turns summarizing the book. Allow one minute per person. Each person continues where the last person left off.
3. **Discuss Journal Entries with Talking Sticks** - Give each person 2 Talking Sticks. Start by reading the Journal Prompt. If anyone wants to respond, they hold up a stick. Everyone who wants to share their entry may do so, but no one **has** to share.
4. **Discuss Questions and Making Connections** - Continue by reading aloud and discussing the questions at the back of the book. Use the Talking Sticks. If everyone runs out of sticks, pass out 2 more to each person. Finish by discussing the Making Connections section.
5. **Write Reflections** - Return to your seat when you are finished discussing the book. On the next page in your journal, write a reflection about the meeting. How did the discussion go? What went well? What went wrong? Did anyone have a completely different view from your own?

