Literature Circles - Directions

Individual Homework Assignments:

You are each responsible for completing seven daily homework assignments related to your novel. These assignments will help you work through the novel, give you a foundation for group discussion, and provide proof of your effort. Assignments will be collected on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9, and are worth 20 points apiece. You must select seven different homework assignments from the Homework Options List. The top of your paper for each homework assignment should include ALL of the following information:

Your Name Date Period Title of Novel Assignment Number Name of Task Page Numbers Covered

Daily Group Discussions:

A portion of each day will be set aside for your group to discuss the assigned reading. During this time, you will share homework assignments, questions about the reading, ideas that sparked interest, connections that you found, and other pertinent topics.

Each day, two group members will assume the role of Group Leader. One member will be the Discussion Director, and another member will choose a role from the remaining options listed

Discussion Director (develop a list of discussion questions)

* Summarizer (prepare a brief summary of today's reading)
* Investigator (research background information on topics related to your book)
* Illustrator (draw some kind of picture related to the reading)
* Connector (find connections between the book and the world outside)
* Travel Tracer (track carefully where the action takes place)
* Vocabulary Enricher (find words that are puzzling or unfamiliar)
* Predictor (predict what you think will happen next in this story)

Each group must decide who will have a Group Leader role for the following day’s discussion. Members should take turns.