

Manager

Make sure team starts quickly and remains focused during the activity.

- Assign tasks for collecting and distributing materials as needed.
- Assign roles like reader, technician or significant figure checker.
- “I think we have everything, are we ready to begin?”

Takes care of time management.

- Keep an eye on the clock.
- Keep team moving forward and communicate about discussion deadlines.
- “I think we need to focus on ____, so we complete this section on time.”
- We have ____ minutes before we need to discuss this. Let’s get this done.”

Make sure all voices in the team are heard.

- Address team members by name and ensure that everyone contributes.
- Encourage team members who are quiet or need more time to contribute.
- “(Name), what do you think about ...?”
- “I would like to hear what you think, (name).”



Presenter

Communicates team questions and clarifications with the teacher or other teams. (This is the only team member designated to do so.)

- “Our team is confused about how ____ relates to ____.”
- “Our team reached consensus that the answer to number ____ was ____.”

Ensures all team members have had a chance to respond before asking outside sources.

- “Does anyone in our team know the answer to ____?”
- “Before we ask the teacher, could someone clarify the answer to...”

Ensures that everyone in the team agrees on what to ask if an outside source is needed.

- “Does everyone agree we need to find out ...?”

Presents conclusions of the team to the class, as requested.

- “The reasoning we used to answer number _____ was...”



Reflector

Guides consensus-building process; team must agree on responses to questions.

- “Would you all agree that ____ is a good answer for question number ____?”
- “Could you please rephrase what you just said?”
- “Is your answer completely supported by your explanation?”
- “Would that response make sense to someone from another team?”

Observes team dynamics and behavior with respect to the learning process.

- Is everyone in the team participating?
- Are team members listening carefully to each other?
- Are team members being patient and respectful of each other?

Reports to the team periodically during the activity on how the team performs.

- “Let’s stop for a minute. I have a couple comments on what we are doing well and a suggestion of how we could be more productive.”
- “Let’s wait for (name) to catch up before we move on.”

Be ready to report to the entire class about how well the team is operating.



Recorder

Records the names and roles of the team members at the beginning of each activity.

Records the important aspects of team discussions, observations, insights, etc.

- “This seems like an important conclusion. Let’s stop for a minute so I can get this into our report.”
- “That was a great insight. Do you mind (name) if I quote you in our team’s report?”

The recorder’s report is a log of the important concepts that the team has learned.

