Planning the Discussion Worksheet

1. What is the big question, theme or issue you want participants to explore? What is the area of orbit you want them floating around in?

2. What reading will you use to get at this question, and why will you use this reading?

3. What are some challenges in helping participants receive and discuss this reading or set of readings?

4. How might you help the group overcome these challenges?

5. How will you start the session? How will you introduce the activity and how will you ask participants to introduce themselves?

6. Will you lay out ground rules or expectations, and what will they be?
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7. Will you begin with an opening exercise? How will you structure it?

8. What will you have the group read aloud?

9. What questions would you like to ask about this reading?
   - Questions of clarification: What is going on here?
   - Questions of interpretation: What do you think of what is going on here?
   - Questions of implication: How does what you think of what is going on here connect to your work?

10. What kind of closing exercise, if any, will you employ?