



THE MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATIONAL THEATER GUILD, INC.

STUDENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

After the Preliminary and Semi-Final Festival days are over, the student discussions at each site will encompass all students and directors. These discussions are integral to METG's mission of educating students and providing them with experience in reflecting on art.

Please remember these discussions should be based on the Judging Guidelines and be positive in nature. They also **MUST** be led by an adult.

The goal of these discussions is for students to reflect on what they saw during the day, and to hear the reactions and responses of others to their own shows. The following are some suggestions to get the facilitator started:

- Something that impressed me: (technically/dramatically)
- My favorite character was:
- The most effective comedic/dramatic moment was:
- Something that surprised me was:
- A question I have about this production:

For the 2017 HS Festival, all sites will be utilizing the Large Group Format to conduct the student discussion and talk-back. This must be adult facilitated.

Large Group Format:

- After the last show of the day, ask all students and directors to stay seated in the auditorium. The host director should lead a discussion with the entire group.
- Talk about the shows in order that they performed. Give students from other schools a chance to talk about what they saw in the show or ask questions, and then give students from the presenting school a chance to respond.
- Alternatively, you could collect questions from schools after each show throughout the day, and hand them to directors during breaks so that they can assign students to answer them during the discussion at the end of the day.
- The discussion should last no more than 45 minutes.