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To Make Every Meeting Count.

MODERATOR

This is a must. You want everyone to have a turn and no-one to dominate. A good leader keeps everything on track, paces the discussion and introduces new topics as needed.



BUSINESS

When the conversation heats up, things like the next book choice or upcoming events can easily get overlooked. Take care of business first -then all can relax and enjoy!

MEMBERS

Give new members a warm welcome and encourage all members to read this month's book selection. The best discussions happen when everyone gets involved.

Meetings

Start on time and keep your meetings focused. Skip a month or two during the year - it really does wonders to keep things fresh and energized.

Diversify & Organize

Don't get caught in a rut - mix things up. Try holding one meeting a year outside or in a park.

Consider a book to movie theme. Read the book, see the movie, then discuss over dinner or drinks.

Try going to an author book event - check your local book store. Or pick a young adult book that mothers can enjoy with their son or daughter.

Create a Facebook page for your book club. It's a great way to stay in touch and communicate.





Notes for the Moderator

- People love to gather around food and this is a good way to get everyone to warm up. But, be sure to let everyone know when it's time to start the meeting.
- It's usually best to start with the business end of things, like picking next month's book selection or location. It's also a good time to resolve any open issues from the last meeting and ask if anyone has anything they wish to address.
- Discussion questions for your book club choice are most likely available from either the publisher or your favorite book website. Make sure to let members know ahead of time to bring a copy and have a few extras on hand.
- You may want to do some homework before the meeting. Review the discussions questions for those most suitable to your group. Add to the discussion with interesting facts about the author or the period the book is set in.
- When it's time to start the discussion- a good way to break the ice is to ask everyone what they thought of the book. Or maybe ask if they have a favorite passage or quote. Have a few of your own handy to get things going.
- Keep things moving. Gently and respectfully let someone know if they are dominating the conversation - make sure everyone gets a chance to participate. And remember - a book club meeting is not a platform for venting personal problems.
- Above all - let things flow. Digressions are fine as long as they are pertinent and you don't sense boredom or frustration setting in. Keep things lively and fair.

