Guidelines for Pairs Discussion

1. Start a discussion by pointing out to your partner a passage you have chosen and then reading it aloud as your partner follows along.

2. After reading the passage aloud, ask your question and then let your partner answer. Listen carefully and then, rather than immediately jumping in with your own ideas, ask a follow-up question that will get your partner to explain something they mentioned in a bit more detail. Listen carefully as they answer.

3. After your partner is finished, go ahead and add any ideas your partner didn’t mention or that you thought of as you listened to your partner’s answer.

4. Once discussion on that question is finished, it is your partner’s turn to ask a question. Be sure to take turns asking questions.