

## Paideia Seminar Text Rubric

This rubric was developed by a team of teachers who are experienced in selecting seminar texts for a variety of settings. Use this tool to establish the quality of a text by regarding “3” as indicating a strong text on that characteristic and “12” as indicating a strong text on all four characteristics. For best results, involve several evaluators in applying this (or any) rubric.

| <b>Criteria</b>            | <b>3</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>   |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Ideas and Values</b>    | Addresses multiple ideas and values                      | Addresses some ideas and values                           | Addresses an idea or value                                   |
| <b>Degree of Challenge</b> | Few participants comprehend without assistance           | Some participants comprehend without assistance           | All participants comprehend without assistance               |
| <b>Relevance</b>           | Clearly related to the curriculum and/or students’ lives | Somewhat related to the curriculum and/or students’ lives | Limited in relation to the curriculum and/or students’ lives |
| <b>Ambiguity</b>           | Is open to a wide variety of interpretations             | Is open to some variety of interpretations                | Is open to a few interpretations                             |