Thinking About Talking

For our first class on Tuesday, August 21st (from 3:00-4:25 pm in Room 203), please (1) bring this completed sheet to class and (2) be ready to discuss these two questions — raised by Professors Brookfield and Preskill in their book DISCUSSION AS A WAY OF TEACHING 53-54 (2d ed. 2005) — as well as the queries that follow:

[1] “Think of the best group discussions you’ve ever been involved in. What things happened that made these conversations so satisfying?”

Please record your two best responses here:

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[2] “[Then think] of the worst group discussions you’ve ever been involved in. What things happened that made these conversations so unsatisfactory?”

Please record your two best responses here:

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Queries: How does this relate to the nature of our professional discourse as lawyers? Put differently, what professional skills are at the heart of successful communication in lawyer-client settings?