

Name: _____

Class: _____

Discussion Sentence Starters

Entering the Conversation

- An idea I have is...
- I noticed that...
- I can't stop thinking about...
- I'm wondering...
- That reminds me of the book, _____, where...
- A theory I'm developing is...

Supporting Ideas with Evidence / Examples

Providing Examples	Asking Group Mates for Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● For example...● In the text it said that...● One case that illustrates this is...● Remember in the story we read that...● I can prove this because...● One example from my life is...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Can you give evidence from the text?● Where does it say that?● What is a real-world example?● What's an example of that idea?

Paraphrasing

- You just said that...
- To paraphrase what you just said...
- Let me see if I heard you right. You said...
- What I understood was...
- In other words, you're saying that...
- It sounds like you think that...
- I'm hearing that...

Building on and Challenging

Building on & Challenging	Asking Group Mates to Build on
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building off of what you said,... ● Adding onto what ___ said,... ● I agree with ___, and I want to add... ● That idea connects to... ● I found another example of what ___ brought up on page ___. ● I noticed some of the same things that ___ did, but I also thought... ● I respectfully disagree with ___ because... ● I see it slightly differently because... ● I can see your point, but... ● Looking at it from a different perspective, I think... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How can we add to the idea of...? ● What other ideas or examples relate to this idea? ● What else could support this idea? Why or why not? ● What contradicts this idea? ● What are other points of view?

Elaborating and Clarifying

Elaborating and Clarifying	Asking for Elaboration/Clarification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I think it means... ● In other words... ● More specifically it is... ● It's important because... ● What I mean to say is... ● It affects readers by... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What do you mean by...? ● Can you clarify the part about...? ● Can you elaborate on the part about...? ● Tell me more about... ● How is that important? ● Can you reword what you just said about...? ● Can you be more specific?

Synthesizing Conversation

Synthesizing & Summarizing	Asking for Synthesis / Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We can say that... ● We can agree that... ● Even though some might think... we conclude that... ● It all boils down to... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What have we discussed? ● How can we summarize our points? ● What's our conclusion? ● What's the main point we want to communicate?