

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

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

## Elaborating and Clarifying

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

## Synthesizing Conversation

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