



# Discussion Stems

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose from the discussion stems below as you participate in the conversation.

<b>Agree</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I agree. I also think that ____</li> <li>• That's a valid point. It explains ____</li> <li>• I agree with your reasoning about ____</li> </ul>
<b>Disagree</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I disagree. I think that ____</li> <li>• That's a good point, but ____</li> <li>• That's interesting. But have you thought of ____</li> </ul>
<b>Contribute</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think ____</li> <li>• I was wondering ____</li> <li>• I would like to say ____</li> </ul>
<b>Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think ____ is right because</li> <li>• I think that's true because ____</li> <li>• Yes. In the text it says ____</li> </ul>
<b>Elaborate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additionally, I think ____</li> <li>• To build on that, I would add ____</li> <li>• I would like to take that one step further by ____</li> </ul>
<b>Challenge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you considered ____</li> <li>• What if ____</li> <li>• How might that idea play out?</li> </ul>
<b>Paraphrase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What I am hearing you say is ____</li> <li>• So you're thinking that ____</li> <li>• In other words, you think ____</li> </ul>
<b>Clarify</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you explain that?</li> <li>• Can you tell me a little more?</li> <li>• Do you mean to say that ____</li> </ul>
<b>Connect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That reminds me ____</li> <li>• I get what you're saying because ____</li> <li>• That makes me think of ____</li> </ul>