

# Higher-Level Discussion Stems

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

## Disagree

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The evidence I have seen suggests something different.

I disagree because \_\_\_\_

Some of that is fact, but some of it is opinion.

I agree that \_\_\_\_, but we also have to consider \_\_\_\_

## Agree

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I agree with \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_'s point about \_\_\_\_ is important because \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ and I are coming from the same place because \_\_\_\_

Though I disagree with you about \_\_\_\_, I do agree that \_\_\_\_

## Build On

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Yes. And furthermore \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ mentioned that \_\_\_\_

The author's claim that \_\_\_\_ is interesting because \_\_\_\_

If we change that a bit, we can see that \_\_\_\_

Adding to \_\_\_\_'s point \_\_\_\_

## Paraphrase

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Put another way, you're saying that \_\_\_\_

Is it fair to say that you believe \_\_\_\_

What I hear you saying is \_\_\_\_

So you're saying that \_\_\_\_



## Summarize

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Overall, I'm trying to say \_\_\_\_

My point in a nutshell is \_\_\_\_

More than anything, I think \_\_\_\_

## Clarify

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Could you give me your thesis?

Is it your position that \_\_\_\_

To be clear, you're saying \_\_\_\_