

TEMPLATE for “Stronger & Clearer Each Time” Activities

Each time you talk to a partner, you build from and borrow the ideas and language of previous partners. Try to make your answer *stronger each time* with better and better evidence, examples, and explanations; and try to make your idea *clearer each time* by using a topic sentence, logical ways to organize and link sentences, and precise words. **You can also ask each partner to elaborate, clarify, explain, and/or provide more evidence.**

SILENT WRITE: (5 min)

Name	Question/Prompt:
Me	<i>Notes (just two or three key words): (Optionally, put notes here after writing a pre-paragraph on the back)</i>
1.	<i>Ideas, evidence, and language from this person that will help my idea to be stronger and clearer:</i>
2.	<i>Ideas, evidence, and language from this person that will help my idea to be stronger and clearer:</i>
3.	<i>Ideas, evidence, and language from this person that will help my idea to be stronger and clearer:</i>

Student Self-Assessment

- During the activity, my idea became *stronger*. I borrowed and built on ideas from my partners to strengthen my idea (e.g., better or more evidence). How?

- During the activity my idea became *clearer*. I borrowed and used language from my partners (and/or texts) to make my idea *clearer*. For example...

Final Written Idea: Turn the paper over and fold your pre-activity paragraph underneath so you can't see it. Then **write your final strongest and clearest idea in a paragraph**. You can use your notes from this side to write it. After you finish, compare your two responses and notice if and how the second paragraph became stronger (more evidence and detail) and clearer (better language).