Constructive Conversation Skills Poster

Goal: Students independently build up ideas (knowledge, agreement, solution) using these skills.

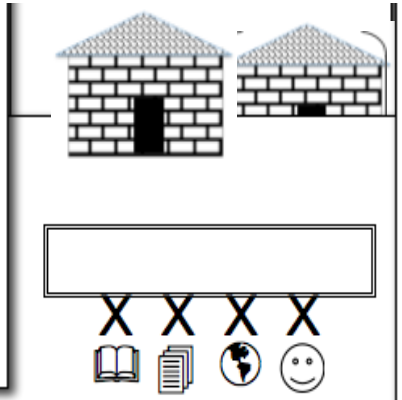
Prompt starters:
What is your idea/claim?
What do we need to do?
What are other ideas/claims?
What do you think about…?
I wonder…

Response starters:
One claim could be …
My hypothesis is…
I noticed the pattern of…
I think it was caused by…

Evaluate & Compare

Prompt starters:
How might we take the best from both ideas?
How can we decide which is the more ___ claim?
How does evidence for this claim compare to the other?
How are the two reasons similar and different?
Which has the strongest evidence?
Can you think of a counter-example?
Do you value evidence in a different way?

Response starters:
On the other hand, …
A counter-claim would be…
Even though it seems that …,
That is a valid point, but…
I think the data showing that... outweighs the data showing …
A counter-example is…
I place a higher value on …. because….



Prompt starters:
How does the evidence support that claim?
What is a real world example?
Can we replicate the data?
What are other examples that support that idea?
What is the strongest support for…?

Response starters:
For example,
The data we gathered supports the claim because…
The law of… states that…
A common example of this in daily life is…
Strong supporting evidence is

Clarify

Prompt starters:
Can you elaborate on the…?
What does that mean?
What do you mean by....?
Can you clarify the part about…?
Say more about…
Why.. How…What…When…
How is that important?
How does it support your claim that…
I understand the part about…, but I want to know…
Can you be more specific?
Is what I just said clear?
Does that make sense?
Do you know what I mean?
What do you think?
I'm not sure if I was clear.

Response starters:
I think it means…
In other words,
More specifically, it is … because…
It is important because…
Let me see if I heard you right…
To paraphrase what you just said, you…
In other words, you are saying that…
What I understood was…
It sounds like you think that…
It all boils down to…
A different way to say it..
An analogy for this is…

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