Inquiry by Design

Sentence Frames For Collaborative Discussion

Purpose	Sentence Stem
To ask for clarification	• Can you say more about ____? • What do you mean by ____? • Can you show me evidence in the text that ____? • Could you explain that part again? • So what you're saying is ____? • In other words ____. Is that right? • Why did you think that ____? • Can you give an example of____?
To build or add on	• I'd like to add to what you said ____. • Also, ____. • Another thing I noticed was that ____. • To build on your idea that/about ____. • For example, ____.
To affirm or agree	• That's an excellent point because ____. • What you said about ____ resonated with me because ____. • I agree with your point about ____. • What I am hearing is ____. • Essentially, you think that ____.
To disagree	• I agree with you, but ____. • You make a good point, but have you considered ____? • I can see your point. However, ____. • While I understand your perspective, I think ____. • I see what you're saying, but did you consider the details on page ____? • However, ____.
To paraphrase	• So you're saying that ____? • In other words, ____? • Let me see if I understand you: ____. • What I'm hearing you say is ____.
To add more detail	• For example ____. • In the text, it said that ____. • Look at how ____. • For instance____. • On page x, the author ____. • For example, in paragraph x, ____.