

**Civil Discourse**



**Conversation Support Cards**



## Extending the Ideas of the Discussion

"I was thinking about what \_\_\_\_ said, and I was wondering what if \_\_\_\_."

"This makes me think \_\_\_\_."

"I want to know more about \_\_\_\_."

"Now I am wondering \_\_\_\_."

"Can you tell me more about \_\_\_\_?"

"Can we circle back to \_\_\_\_? I'd like to think more about that."

## Questioning

"I'm confused about \_\_\_\_\_. Can you explain what you mean a bit more?"

"What do you think about \_\_\_\_\_?"

"Can you show me where you see that in the text?"

"How did you arrive at the idea that \_\_\_\_\_?"

"I'm not sure what you mean. Could you say more about that?"

## Bringing In Text Evidence

"On page \_\_\_\_, the writer writes, \_\_\_\_\_. This makes me think \_\_\_\_\_."

"I saw that same idea in the text on page \_\_\_\_\_ where it says \_\_\_\_\_."

"I can add some text evidence to that idea. On page \_\_\_\_, the author writes, \_\_\_\_\_."

"I'd love to talk about the passage on page \_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_."

"The text justifies that idea on page \_\_\_\_...."

## Agreeing + Adding

"I agree with \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

"\_\_\_\_ brought up an important idea about \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

"Taking \_\_\_\_'s idea a little bit further, I'd like to add \_\_\_\_\_."

"That makes sense because \_\_\_\_\_."

"I agree with the point that \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

"I agree. We should also consider \_\_\_\_\_."

## Disagreeing

"I see that differently because ..."

"I'm not sure I agree with \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_."

"I agree with \_\_\_\_; however, I think \_\_\_\_."

"I think the evidence suggests something different: \_\_\_\_."

"While I can see that \_\_\_\_, I see it differently: \_\_\_\_."

"Here's another way to look at it: \_\_\_\_."

## Wrapping Up an Idea or Conversation

"To summarize: \_\_\_\_"

"I think what we're saying is \_\_\_\_\_. Does this sound accurate?"

"Before we move on, let's wrap up this thought: \_\_\_\_"

"So, to recap \_\_\_\_."

"Let's make sure we all understand what was just said before we move on: \_\_\_\_"