

Moving the discussion forward...

- I think that...
- I would like to expand upon what (person's name) said...
- Something I noticed was...

Ask and answer questions...

- Could you please explain what you just said in another way?
- Could you repeat that, please?
- I have a question about...
- Did/do you mean...
- I am wondering...

Guidelines:

- Raise your hand in order to participate in the discussion (discussion evolution)
- Do not talk until the facilitator gives you the right to speak
- **Disagree politely**
 - Use the discussion stems to help you participate

Relate discussion to larger issues or ideas...

- The main idea of this text reminds me of...
- The main conflict in this text reminds me of...
- This character acts just like _____, because...
- The theme of this text could be compared to _____
- The theme of this text is related to the larger issue of _____ in our country, city, world.

Getting others involved

- That was an excellent point, (person's name)
- (Person's name), do you have any thoughts on this topic?
- I really like what you said, (person's name)
- Raise your hand if you agree with (person's name). Why do you agree or disagree?

Mr. Galvano's discussion reference guide

How to Politely Disagree...

- (Person's Name), I don't agree with you because...
- The way I see it is...
- I can understand why you feel that way, however...
- That's a great point, but have you thought about...
- I understand what you mean, however...