

Constructive Conversation Resource Card

Create: Prompts

Prompt Starters

- What is your idea?
- How can we combine these ideas?
- What do we need to do?
- What are other points of view?
- What do you think about...?
- Why...? How...? I wonder...?

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Fortify/Support: Prompts

Prompt starters:

- Can you give an example from the materials?
- Where does it say that?
- What is an example from other readings/materials?
- What is an example from outside of class?
- Can you give an example from your life?
- What is the strongest support for _____? How does it support the idea?

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Clarify: Prompts

Prompt Starters

Can you elaborate on? OR Can you clarify the part about?
What do you mean by?
Say more about
How is important?
I understand the part about, but I want to know
Can you be more specific?

Is what I said clear? OR Does that make sense?

What do you think?

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Evaluate and Compare: Prompts

Prompt starters:

•	How can we decide which is the more issue?	
•	How does the evidence for your argument compare to mine?	
•	What criteria do we use to evaluate the weight of evidence?	
•	How do we compare "apples" of to the "oranges" of	?
•	Which has the strongest evidence?	

- What is your opinion? Why?
- How might we take the best from both ideas?
- How is that evidence stronger than this evidence?

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Clarify: Responses

Response starters:

•	I think it means
•	More specifically, it is, because
	An analogy might be

- An analogy might be...
- It is important because...
- To paraphrase what you just said...
- It sounds like you think that...
- It all boils down to...
- A different way to say it is...



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Response starters:

•	is strong evidence because
•	A point of disagreement that I have is
•	Even though it seems valid that, I disagree because
•	That is a valid point, but
•	I think the negatives of outweigh the positives of

• I think we should use the criteria of ______because _____.



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Create: Responses

Response starters:

- One idea could be...
- My hypothesis is...
- That reminds me of...
- I noticed the pattern of...
- I think it depends on...



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Fortify/Support: Responses

Response starters:

- For example...
- In the materials/text, it says...
- Remember in the other subject we studied...
- One example from my life is...
- One case that illustrates this is...
- Some strong supporting evidence is...