

DISCUSSION STEMS

FOR ACTIVE CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION

<p>Expressing an Opinion: I think/ believe that... It seems to me that... In my opinion...</p>	<p>Predicting: I guess/predict that... Based on _____, I infer that... I hypothesize that...</p>
<p>Asking for Clarification: What do you mean? Will you explain that again? I have a question about that.</p>	<p>Paraphrasing: So you are saying that... In other words, you think... What I hear you saying is...</p>
<p>Soliciting a Response: What do you think? We haven't heard from you yet. Do you agree? What can you add to what _____ said?</p>	<p>Acknowledging Ideas: My idea is similar to/related to _____'s idea. I agree with (person) that... My idea builds upon _____'s idea.</p>
<p>Individual Reporting: From _____, I discovered that... I found out from _____ that... _____ pointed out to me that... _____ shared with me that...</p>	<p>Partner and Group Reporting: We decided/agreed that... We concluded that... Our group sees it differently. We had a different approach.</p>
<p>Disagreeing: I don't agree with your _____ because... I have a different perspective than you. I see it another way.</p>	<p>Offering a Suggestion: Maybe we could... What if we... Here's something we might try... Have we considered...</p>
<p>Affirming: That's an interesting idea. I hadn't thought of that. I see what you mean.</p>	<p>Holding the Floor: As I was saying... If I could finish my thought... What I was trying to say was...</p>