Student Led Discussions
A C C O U N T A B L E   T A L K   S T E M S

Agreement
- "I agree with_____ because…"
- "I like what _____said because…"
- "I agree with _____, but on the other hand…"
- "Based on my evidence, I think…."
- "I want to add to what_____ said…."

Disagreement
- "I disagree with _____because…"
- "I'm not sure I agree with _____because…"

Summarizing
- "The basic idea here is….."
- "The key information is….."
- "In summary, this says that…"
- "First….Next….Then….Finally"
- "To expand on what _____said….."

Clarifications
- "Could you please repeat that for me?"
- "Could you explain a bit more, please?
- "I'm not sure I understood you when you said ……….. Could you say more about that?"
- "What's your evidence?"
- "Something that is still not clear is…."
- "To understand better, I need to know more about…"
- "I'm guessing this means_____, but I need to..."
- "I'm confused by….."

Metacognition: Thinking about our thinking. Or, telling people how we formed ideas so that they understand our thinking.

M E T A C O G N I T I V E   E X T E N S I O N   S T E M S

Inferring/Predicting
- "If _____, then……"
- "This could mean…"
- "I infer……"
- "My guess is……"
- "I assume….."
- "I think this represents…."

Making Connections
- "This relates to…"
- "I already know that…"
- "I'm remembering..."
- "This reminds me of [ANOTHER TEXT] because…"
- "This is relevant to my life because…"

Monitoring for Meaning
- "I need to reread the part where….."
- "I know I'm on the right track because…"
- "I got confused here because..."
- "The idea I'm getting is…."
- "What this means to me is….."
- "Now I understand why…"

Synthesizing
- "I'm beginning to think…"
- "I used to think_____, but now…"
- "I'm changing my mind about…"

Visualizing
- "I can picture…"
- "In my mind, I picture…"
- "I can feel…see….smell….taste….hear….touch…"

Determining Importance
- "One thing we should notice is…"
- "It's interesting that…"
- "What's important here is…"

Asking Questions
- "I have a question about…"
- "I want to question whether…"
- "One question we haven't thought about or considered is…."
- "Why…."
- "What if….."
- "I still have this question about…"

Wrap-Up/Exit-Ticket Stems (during last 10 min.)

Reflecting and Relating
- "A conclusion I'm drawing is…"
- "So the big idea is…"
- "This is relevant to my life because…."

Evaluation
- "I like/don't like_____ because…"
- "This could be more effective if…"
- "The most important message is…"