

Ways to Grow a Conversation

Below are basic social skills which you can use to further your literature circle discussions.

Use the Text

An example of that can be found on page . . .
Can you show us where you found that?
Let's reread that part.
Where is the evidence to support that theory?

Respond to Comments

To add on to what _____ said . . .
I agree/disagree because . . .
Can you explain what you mean?
Do you mean that . . .
So what you're saying is . . .

Ask Questions

What do you think the author meant by . . .
Why did the character do that?
What do you think?
Do you agree or disagree?

Make Connections

This reminds me of . . .
Another place we saw that in this story is . . .
I can relate to this character/scene/situation because . . .
This is similar to (title of book/movie/TV show) because . . .
_____ makes me think about . . .

Focus on the Writing

The **setting** really influences . . .
The **theme** that's being developed here is . . .
This is an **allusion** to . . . Why do you think the author chose to allude to this?
The **point of view** affects the story because . . .
During the **exposition** we learn that . . .
The use of **figurative language** in this paragraph really . . .

Make Predictions

I think _____ will happen later in the story because . . .
_____ makes me think that _____ will happen.

