Socratic Seminar Sentence Starters

Directions: During any Socratic Seminar or discussion that we have in class, you are expected to *use academic language* when you speak. In turn, you are also expected to *apply good listening skills* during the activity. Please utilize the following sentence frames while you speak in order to incorporate strong academic language structures into your natural vocabulary and deepen the level of intellectual discussion in an academic setting.

Sentence Frames for Clarification:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, could you please rephrase that?

I did not understand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, could you repeat that, please?

It’s not quite clear. Can you explain what you said about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Can you say more about that?

In other words, are you saying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

I have a question about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. State your question.

Sentence Frame for changing the subject:

I think we’ve exhausted the topic of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, can we move on to \_\_\_\_\_\_?

Moving on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone have any final comments to add about \_\_\_\_\_\_, or shall we move on to a new subject?

Sentence Frames for affirming an idea and adding to it:

My idea is related to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I really liked \_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I agree with \_\_\_\_\_\_. Also, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My idea build’s on \_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Presenting a different angle on a subject:

While I can see why you believe this, I see this differently.

In my opinion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I understand where you are coming from, but I see it a bit differently.

From my perspective, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

That’s a valid point, but I feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I do agree with the part about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Expressing your opinion:

I believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In my opinion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I feel that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I think that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

To me, it seems obvious that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

PERSONAL IDENTITY DIGITAL TIMELINE

Some sample sentence starters

* An event I plan on including in my timeline is when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Explain why.
* A memorable moment in my life is when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* I am going to include the following event in my timeline because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* My selected event is transformative because it … \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* An attribute I possess is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I plan on including it in my timeline because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Create your own sentence starter below: