

Thinking & Learning Framework

Quick Reference Tool

Build Community



Presume Positivity

- Appreciate clarifying questions.
- Ensure that all contributions are received with positive intention.

Pause



- Wait 3 seconds before speaking.
- Let 3 people speak before speaking again.

Actively Listen



- Be fully present in the conversation.
- Show interest by practicing good eye contact.
- Have an open mind and withhold judgment.

Take Notice



- "We haven't heard from ..."
- "It looks like we have to make a decision about ..."
- "Does anyone have anything else to add?"

Contribute Knowledge

Provide Evidence



- "On page ____, paragraph ____, it states ..."
- "From our notes, it says ..."
- "The reading says ..., which connects to ... from ..."

Pose Questions



- "What if ...?"
- "What is the connection between ... and ...?"
- "What does ... make you think of?"
- "How will ... affect ...?"

Clarify Understanding



- "I think I heard you say ..."
- "So, it's important to you that ..."
- "Why do you think ...?"
- "Can you give an example of ...?"

Share Ideas



- "I agree/disagree with you because ..."
- "One thought I have is ..."
- "The author/text said ..."
- "I want to expand on your idea of ... by ..."

Think Critically

Identify Patterns



- "I notice that ... I think it means ..."
- "When you look at the information this way ... you see ..."
- "If we focus on ... we can see how ..."

Construct Counterclaims



- "The evidence supports the ... by ..."
- "What if the opposite were true, then what?"
- "Others may say that, but one could argue ..."

Make Inferences



- "From the evidence, I conclude that ..."
- "... however, the evidence points to ..."
- "Others might say ..., but I argue that ..."

Synthesize Ideas



- "Because source A says ... and source B says ..., then ..."
- "When I think about all of the information, it seems that ..."
- "I used to think ..., but now I think ... because ..."