Academic Conversation Skills and Prompts

Conversation Skill	Frames for Response
Identify and Summarize	• The source of the article is credible because… • The author's intent is to…[inform? persuade?] • In one sentence, this article is about… • The main ideas in this article are…
Draw Connections	• In the text it said that…this is similar to… • An example from my life related to this is… • This is important because… • This might cause controversy because…
Paraphrase a Partner's Ideas	• What I understood was… • It sounds like you think that…is that a fair way of explaining your thoughts? • Let me see if I understand you… • In a nutshell you are saying…
Build On and/or Challenge a Partner's Idea	• I would add that…. • Building on your idea that…I think… • I see it a different way… • That reminds me of… • Another way to look at this could be…
Synthesize Conversation Points	• We can agree that… • We disagree that… • The main idea seems to be… • As a result of this discussion, we think that… • It boils down to… • Even though some might think that…. we conclude that…