Tip: Class/Group Discussion sentence starters (use these to help you contribute to discussion).

Agreeing

- "I agree with ___ because ____.
- "I like what ___ said because ____.
- "I agree with ___; but on the other hand, ____.

Disagreeing

- "I disagree with ___ because ____.
- "I’m not sure I agree with what ___ said because ____.
- "I can see that ____; however, I disagree with (or can’t see) ____.

Clarifying

- "Could you please repeat that for me?"
- "Paraphrase what you heard and ask, ‘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?"

Confirmation

- "I think ____.
- "I believe ____.

Confusion

- "I don’t understand ____.
- "I am confused about ____.

Extension

- "I was thinking about what ___ said, and I was wondering what if ____.
- "This makes me think ____.
- "I want to know more about ____.
- "Now I am wondering ____.
- "Can you tell me more about ____?

A few other useful lists for discussion starters...
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