

Discussion Question Starters

Questions that make students think

Give reasons

- Why do you think ...?
- What evidence supports ...?
- How do you know?

Predict

- What would happen if ...?
- What might come next?
- How could we test that?

Clarify

- Can you say more?
- What do you mean by ...?
- Can you give an example?

Compare

- How are ... and ... alike?
- How are they different?
- Which would you choose, and why?

Reflect

- What surprised you?
- What would you change?
- Where else could we use this?

Tip: Wait at least three seconds after asking. The best answers often come after a pause.