

Shared Inquiry™ and Learning with Others: Questions to Ask

IDEA

- What did you mean, <name>?
- Can you tell us more about that?
- Would you explain that a little more?
- Does anyone have a different idea?
- Is that like _____ ?
- How does that help us answer the question?

EVIDENCE

- What page is that on?
- Where did you see that in the text?
- Can you show us where that happened?
- Would you give us an example?
- What made you think so?
- Would you read that part?

RESPONSE

- Would you say that again please?
- Could you please speak a little louder?
- Why do you agree (or disagree)?
- Can we go back to what <name> said about _____ ?
- How does your idea go with _____ ?
- Is there any other way to look at that?

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IDEA

- Would you tell us more about your idea?
- Why is that important?
- Is there another way to say that?
- How do you explain _____ ?
- What do you think is the main reason?
- How does that connect back to the question?
- When you said _____ , did you mean _____ ?
- How does _____ go with _____ ?

EVIDENCE

- What part of the text made you think so?
- Is there another example?
- Do you remember _____ ?
- Where else does that happen?
- Who can help me support that idea?
- What did you notice about that part of the text _____ ?
- What details in the text made you think so?
- How is _____ an example of _____ ?

RESPONSE

- Who wants to add to that?
- How does that go with your idea <name>?
- Which part of that do you agree (or disagree) with, <name>?
- Who has another possible reason?
- Which do you think is most important?
- What have you heard that makes the most sense to you?
- How would you summarize what we've said so far?
- Did you agree more with _____ or with _____, <name>?

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- Would you explain that further?
- Does anyone have a different idea?
- How does that help answer the question?
- Is that related to _____ ?
- What if the reason for that might be _____ ?

EVIDENCE

- Where did you see that in the text?
- What made you think so?
- Would you give us an example?
- What other evidence can we find for that?
- How does that part of the text support your answer?
- What does the author or character do to make you think so?

RESPONSE

- Would you repeat that please?
- Why do you agree (or disagree)?
- How does your idea go with _____ ?
- Who has another way to look at that?
- What if you combined _____ with _____ ?
- Whose idea connects most to your own?

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- What do you think about _____ ?
- How did you explain _____ ?
- Would you clarify what you meant by _____ ?
- Why did you find that significant?
- Can you elaborate on your idea about _____ ?
- What about that is most important?
- What do you think are the main reasons?
- How can we connect that to _____ ?

EVIDENCE

- What part of the text led you to that conclusion?
- What gave you that impression?
- What about that evidence most supports your idea?
- How does that part of the text connect to your point about _____ ?
- How does the author let you know what was meant?
- What evidence did you find most compelling?
- Which part of that argument is least convincing and why?
- If you think that _____ , then why does _____ ?

RESPONSE

- Who has a different idea?
- What's your interpretation, <name>?
- Which point did you find most convincing?
- What if we combined _____ and _____ ?
- How would you summarize what we've heard so far?
- What are the pros or cons of that idea?
- How would you compare _____ and _____ ?
- Is there a point of view we haven't considered yet?

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More Ways to Share Your Ideas and Learn from Others

Here are some more ways to start sharing your ideas and learning from other people. Try one of these sentence starters when speaking or writing, and keep adding your own too.

IDEA

One idea I had is _____

I see why _____

I noticed _____

I think the reason for _____
is _____

I was picturing _____

I connected that to _____

I can explain _____

Maybe that happens because _____

EVIDENCE

In the text, on page _____, it says that

While we are on that page, I wanted to point
out _____

This quote from page _____ supports my idea
because _____

To support my idea, on page _____, I noticed

The part that made me think that is _____

For example, on page _____, when _____,
it made me think _____

Another example of that is on page _____,
when _____

My evidence for that idea is when, on page
_____, we see the (author / character) _____

RESPONSE

Adding on to that, I would say _____

I'd like to go back to what <name> said
about _____

What you said, <name>, makes me think

I noticed that too, but I thought _____

Another way of looking at that part might
be _____

My idea combines _____
and _____

I see it differently because _____

I understand why you say that, but I think

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I thought it was because _____

In my opinion, _____

I noticed that _____

I wondered if _____

I think the (author/character) is _____ because _____

One reason for that might be _____

To me, it seems that _____

My response to that question is _____

EVIDENCE

In the text, on page _____, it shows that _____

My evidence for that idea is when, on page _____, we see the (author/character) _____

This quote on page _____ supports my idea because _____

The part of the text that made me think that is _____

Another example of that is on page _____, when _____

Looking at this quote on page _____ helps explain that _____

I inferred that from the way that, on page _____, the text shows us _____

Throughout the text, we see _____, which leads me to conclude _____

RESPONSE

What you said, <name>, makes me think _____

Another way of looking at that part might be _____

I'd like to go back to what <name> said about _____

I understand why you say that, but I think _____

Building on what you said, <name>, I would add _____

I can connect/relate to that because _____

I've shifted my ideas based on what I've heard. Now I think that _____

I can see your point, <name>; however, _____

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I propose that _____

My theory for that is _____

From my perspective, _____

What about if _____

My idea combines _____ and _____

To further develop my claim, _____

I was still thinking about _____

Moving on to another point, _____

EVIDENCE

To support my claim, I point to _____
on page _____

The most compelling example of that can be
found on page _____, when _____

It says here, on page _____, that _____,
which supports my idea because _____

When you combine _____
on page _____ with _____
on page _____, a pattern emerges that sup-
ports my conclusion that _____

The (author/character's) choice of _____
led me to conclude _____

In defense of that idea, look at page _____,
where it says _____

On the whole, the evidence leads me to believe
_____ because _____

While I realize _____, the section on page
_____ gives more weight to the idea that
_____ because _____

RESPONSE

I have a question about _____

My idea is related to _____

I really liked what you said, <name>, about

While I can see why you said that, <name>,
in my opinion, _____

Going back to what <name> said earlier,

Your comment helped me figure out _____

Another way to look at that is _____

I noticed that too, but I thought _____