

Sentence Stems

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Purpose	Stem
Accessing Prior Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I already know... • _____ reminds me of... • My experience with... • I would like to know more about... • I would compare _____ to _____ because... • Discussing _____ made me consider...
Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel... • In my opinion... • I predict that... • I agree/disagree that... • My view on the matter is _____ because... • My initial reaction is _____ because...
Elaborating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ is important because... • I chose _____ because... • The answer might also be _____ because... • I would agree or disagree with _____ because... • Another reason could be... • I would add _____ because...
Justifying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think _____ because... • I agree/disagree with _____ because.... • _____ proves that ... • Another idea might be _____ because... • I was thinking that _____ should be... • _____ supports the idea that...
Summarizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I learned... • Today I realized... • I still wonder... • The most significant thing I learned today was... • I would summarize my learning by saying... • My initial thought was _____ and now I am thinking _____ because...