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- I found in the text ...
- According to the text, ...



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5. Be flexible with your thinking.

- I agree because ...
 - What you said makes me wonder about...
 - What you said makes me rethink my opinion about ____ because ...
 - I'd like to add ...
 - I heard you say ...
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Accountable Talk Sentence Starters

Ideas for Use

- Full Size/Half Size:
 - Display on a Bulletin Board
 - Hang on the White Board
- Small Size:
 - Glue in Student Notebooks
 - Tape to the Top of Student Desks

- I can infer _____ after reading ...
- I can connect this to ...
- This reminds me of ...
- I realize I made a mistake when ...



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- What evidence do you have that supports...
- How do you know you are correct?
- Could you clarify what you said about ... ?
- Can you explain it in a different way?
- I'm a little confused about...



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- I want to learn more about ...
- I like/didn't like ...
- I was confused when the author stated ...
- I'm wondering about ...
- I learned that ...



- I disagree because ...
- I'm not sure I agree with what _____ said because ...
- I could see why you think that, but I think ...
- I found different results because ...
- I respect your opinion, but ...



- In my opinion, ...
- I think _____ because ...
- I predict that _____ because ...
- I noticed ...
- I figured out _____ by ...
- I know because ...



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Symbols Included:

✱ – Expectations of Accountable Talk

✓ – Agree Statements

✗ – Disagree Statements

! – Excitement Statements

✎ – Writing Statements

♥ – Opinion Statements

★ – Connection Statements

? – I'm Confused/Explain More Statements

Steps to Use Accountable Talk Stems:

1. Display large pennants at the front of the classroom. Discuss the expectations (on the burst pennant).
2. Place the miniature pennants on each students' desk or notebook so they can easily refer to them during class time.
3. Give a guiding question to your class to begin the accountable talk time. It can connect to an article the students read, a math problem, an event in history, or even a science experiment!