Sentence Stems you can use with your students

Getting things going	Getting things going
I'd like to focus on the passage on page	I'd like to focus on the passage on page
I'd like to introduce a new idea, which is	I'd like to introduce a new idea, which is
I wonder if anyone has a thought about	I wonder if anyone has a thought about
Something that confused me was	Something that confused me was
Building complexity	Building complexity
To build on what said	To build on what said
 I agree with, and I'd like to clarify by adding 	 I agree with, and I'd like to clarify by adding
 I agree with, and I have more evidence to support the 	 I agree with, and I have more evidence to support the
point	point
• The same theme comes up in the passage on page	• The same theme comes up in the passage on page
My main argument relates to what just said because	My main argument relates to whatjust said because
Disagreeing	Disagreeing
 I disagree with what said about because 	 I disagree with what said about because
I'm not so sure about the idea about because	I'm not so sure about the idea about because
I mostly agree with what said about but I disagree in	I mostly agree with what said about but I disagree in
some ways, which are	some ways, which are
Clarifying	Clarifying
 , do you mind repeating what you just said? 	 , do you mind repeating what you just said?
 I wonder,, if you could speak up a little bit? 	 I wonder,, if you could speak up a little bit?
 , can you clarify what you just said for me? 	 , can you clarify what you just said for me?
• Let me make sure that I have this right. Your argument,, is	Let me make sure that I have this right. Your argument,, is
that	that