Discussion Phrases

Starter Phrases:

- I noticed...
- One thing I pictured/visualized was...
- I could connect to this because...
- I liked/didn't like the part when...
- I wonder...
- What could have happened if...
- I was surprised when...
- I didn't understand...
- My ideas changed when...

Responses to enlarge on others' ideas:

- I agree with what you are saying because...
- What you said matches what was in my mind because...
- Why did you say that? Can you show me how you got that idea?
- Could you say more?
- Could you give an example?
- I'm not sure what you are saying. Can you say it in another way?
- I hear what you are saying, but I see things differently...

Responses to piggyback off others' ideas:

- I'd like to add on to what David said.
- I have an example of what you just said.
- Another thing that goes with that is...
- I agree with the part about...
- Going back to what David said...
- Is one example of that on page 13 when...

Encouraging accountable talk:

- Show me what you mean
- What makes you say that?
- What were you reading when you thought of that?
- Will you find the part of the book that made you say that?
- Is one example of what you are saying on page 93?
- Can we look at the book together to see what it says?
- I'm not sure I agree. Look at page 126.