Constructive Conversation Skills Poster

**Create**
- Prompt starters:
  - What is your idea?
  - How can we combine these ideas?
  - What do we need to do?
  - What are other points of view?
  - Why...How...I wonder...
- Response starters:
  - One idea could be...
  - My hypothesis is...
  - That reminds me of...
  - I noticed the pattern of...
  - I think it depends on...

**Goal:** Students independently build up ideas (knowledge, agreement, solution) using these skills.

**Evaluate & Compare** (If more than 1 Idea)
- Prompt starters:
  - How can we decide which is the more ___ idea?
  - How does evidence for your argument compare to mine?
  - What criteria do we use to evaluate the weight of the evidence?
  - How do we compare “apples” of ___ to the “oranges” of ___?
  - Which has the heaviest/strongest evidence?
  - What is your opinion? Why?
  - How might we take the best from both ideas?
  - How is that evidence stronger than this evidence?
- Response starters:
  - I think we should use the criteria of ___ because... ___ is very strong evidence because... A point of disagreement that I have is... Even though it seems that... That is a valid point, but... I think the negatives of... outweigh the positives of...

**BUILD IDEA(s)** (& if >1 Idea, Choose 1)

**Fortify/Support**
- Prompt starters:
  - Can you give an example from the text?
  - Where does it say that?
  - What are examples from other texts?
  - What is a real world example?
  - Are there any cases of that in real life?
  - Can you give an example from your life?
  - What is the strongest support for...?
  - How does it support the idea?
- Response starters:
  - For example, in the text it said that...
  - Remember in the other story we read that...
  - An example from my life is...
  - One case that illustrates this is...
  - Strong supporting evidence

**Clarify**
- Prompt starters:
  - I think it means...
  - In other words, more specifically, it is...
  - Because...
  - An analogy might be...
  - It is important because...
  - Let me see if I heard you right...
  - To paraphrase what you just said, you...
  - In other words, you are saying that...
  - What I understood was...
  - It sounds like you think that...
  - It all boils down to...
  - A different way to say it...
- Response starters:
  - I think we should use the criteria of ___ because... ___ is very strong evidence because... A point of disagreement that I have is... Even though it seems that... That is a valid point, but... I think the negatives of... outweigh the positives of...