'KNOW, WONDER' CONVERSATION STARTERS

TOPIC:

GETTING STARTED
- If I were (stakeholder identified), I think/don't think this is a good idea because _____.
- A strong reason in favor/against might be that _____. I think this is a valid point to raise because _____.
- What if _____.
- We probably need to consider the idea that _____.

AGREE/ADD TO/STRENGTHEN
- To add on to what _____. just said, I also think _____. This reinforces _____.'s point because _____.
- _____. just mentioned _____. which makes me think of _____.

REFUTE/DETRACT
- While I value _____.'s point, I disagree. I don't think he/she considered _____.
- I see what _____. is saying, but I still think we need to consider _____.

HELP/CLARIFY/DEEPEN
- Have we stopped to think about _____?
- I think what _____ is trying to say is _____. This is a valid point because _____.
- I'm not sure _____ relates. Can you help me understand why this is relevant?
- I'm not sure I understand what _____ meant when he/she said _____. Can you explain further?

CONSIDER THE NEED FOR RESEARCH
- I think if we knew _____, we could make a more informed decision.
- If we research this, we should look into _____; this would shed more light on the matter because _____.

SYNTHESIZE/DRAW CONCLUSIONS
- Based on the points that _____ and _____ contributed, it seems like/it might be plausible to conclude that _____.
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