Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class and Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FISHBOWL DISCUSSION - OUTSIDE**

Let the debate begin! In order to facilitate discussion, we are going to have a ‘fishbowl’. Eight students chosen at random will sit in the center of the ‘fishbowl’ and discuss the assigned topic. They will discuss and debate the chosen question thoroughly until their time is up. The teacher will monitor the discussion. If you are in the circle, your job is to participate in the discussion. If you are outside of the circle, you may not talk and must take notes. In each of the columns below, write 10 things that were said in the inner circle (for a total of 30 things). You must write your classmate’s name as well as what they said.

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| AHA! | HMMM… | HUH? |
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**FISHBOWL DISCUSSION – INSIDE**

As you discuss in the circle, we need to hear you using academic language. This is not just a discussion with friends. Though you do not need to raise your hands to participate, we are expecting this to be an academic discussion. Remember to use the academic vocabulary you have learned. Also, use these starter phrases to begin your responses:

**STARTING A DISCUSSION**

I think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My theory is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I question \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The text says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I predict \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My claim is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In infer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**DISAGREEING**

I disagree with \_\_\_\_\_\_ because . . .

As a rebuttal to \_\_\_\_\_\_’s point, \_\_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEING**

I agree with \_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree with \_\_\_\_\_\_ and would like to add \_\_\_\_\_\_

There is ample support for \_\_\_\_\_\_’s point for example \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Expressing an Opinion**

I think/believe that . . .

It seems to me that . . .

In my opinion . . .

**Predicting**

I guess/predict/imagine that . . .

Based on . . ., I infer that . . .

I hypothesize that . . .

**Asking for Clarification**

What do you mean?

Will you explain that again?

I have a question about that.

**Paraphrasing**

So you are saying that . . .

In other words, you think . . .

What I hear you saying is . . .

**Soliciting a Response**

What do you think?

We haven’t heard from you yet.

Do you agree?

What answer did you get?

**Acknowledging Ideas**

My idea is similar to/related to \_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea.

I agree with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My idea builds on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s idea

**Reporting a partner’s idea Partner**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ indicated that . . .

\_\_\_\_\_\_ clarified that. . .

\_\_\_\_ pointed out to me that . . .

\_\_\_\_ emphasized that . . .

**Group Reporting**

We decided/agreed that . . .

We concluded that . . .

Our group sees it differently.

We had a different approach . . .