

Figure 3.6 Language frames for text-based discussions.

Paraphrasing the Ideas of Others	Asking for More Information
I think you're saying that . . .	I don't think I understand yet. Could you say more about . . . ?
Is it fair to say that you mean . . . ?	I don't understand why . . .
Am I right that you are saying . . . ?	Can you explain why . . . ?
Agreeing and Adding On	Disagreeing
I agree with ____ and I have a similar idea about . . .	I see that situation differently because . . .
____'s point was important because it helped me . . .	At first, I thought ____ but now I think ____ because . . .
When ____ mentioned ____, I started thinking about . . .	From my point of view . . .
	I see it differently because . . .
Introducing Ideas	Golden Lines: <i>Be sure to tell us the page number and paragraph first.</i>
What do you think of . . . ?	I'd like to read this sentence so we can discuss it . . .
My opinion of ____ is because . . .	I was moved when the author wrote . . .
The author said that ____ and that was interesting to me because . . .	I like how the author said . . .
The character that was most interesting to me is ____ because . . .	
Asking Great Questions of Each Other	
Why do you think that is so?	
What do you feel is right?	
What surprised you about . . . ?	
What did you like best?	
What did you not like?	