

## Specific Behaviors to Look for in a Discussion

Students and teachers participate in discussion in a number of constructive and different ways. Among other ways, they may:

**Open** discussion with a reaction or interpretation

**Affirm** a previous comment

**Challenge** a previous comment

**Ask** for more information (invite completion of thought)

**Cite** evidence from the text

**Test** understanding of the text or a previous comment

**Define** term(s)

**Develop** an idea with new material

**Clarify** differences of opinion

**Transition** to a new or old topic

**Summarize** a new line of inquiry

**Return** to "lost points" or points made previously

**Synthesize** seemingly disparate points

**Create** closure