

Tools to Help History Students Write, Read, Talk and Reason like Historians

Situation for Using Evidence	Phrases to Promote the Use of Evidence in this Situation	
Introducing and Using Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example... • In fact... • For instance... • As evidence... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In support of this... • This is supported by... • First...Second... • As evidence by...
Adding New Evidence to Support Other Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition... • Also... • And... • Moreover... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In fact... • Besides... • Equally important... • Furthermore...
Justifying and Explaining your position along a common line of reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furthermore... • Obviously... • It is clear that... • [Source/author] suggests/promoted/argues... • For this reason... • In addition... • Also... • Last... • Again... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additionally... • Moreover... • In the same way... • Pursuing this further • In light of the... • Besides... • Next... • Further... • Similarly...
Showing Cause and Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consequently • Clearly, then...As a result of... • Because of... • [Term/name/idea, etc.] was responsible for... • [Term/name/idea, etc.] made possible... • [evidence] leads to... • For this reason... • Therefore... • Due to... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since... • ... was caused by... • In effect... • [event] was brought about by... • As might be expected... • [event/idea/person] gave rise to... • Accordingly... • As a result of...
Comparing and Contrasting Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likewise... • In a similar way... • Also... • Similarly... • Equally • As well... • In the same manner... • In contrast... • Whereas... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though... • Nevertheless... • Yet... • Unlike... • However... • On the other hand... • Despite... • Conversely... • In comparison...
Providing Alternative Points of View/Changing your line of Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the other hand... • However... • But... • Yet... • Nevertheless... • On the contrary... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversely... • Even though... • Although...thought, however... • Despite the fact that... • Arguably...
To Signal a Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therefore... • This... • Hence... • In final analysis... • Indeed... • In short... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without question... • For the reasons above... • In other words... • As demonstrated... • Undoubtedly... • In sum...

Conversation Skill	Statements to Make	Responses
Elaborate and Clarify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you elaborate on...? • What do you mean by...? • Can you tell me more about...? • What makes you think that...? • Can you clarify the part about...? • How so? • How/why is _____ important? • How does _____ connect to? • I am a little confused about...? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it means that.. • In other words... • I believe that... • An analogy for this might be... • It is important because... • It's similar to when...
Support Ideas with Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you give me an example from the source? • Can you show me where in the source it says that? • Are there more cases of ____ happening? • What is the evidence that supports your argument? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example... • In the source it said that... • One example was... • For instance... • According to... • On one occasion... • In this situation... • To demonstrate... • In fact... • Indeed...
Build on/Challenge Someone's argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think about the idea that...? • How does this connect to the idea that....? • I agree with your argument that...but how do you deal with the fact that... • I think your argument about...is wrong because... • How can... be true...if you consider...? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would add that... • I want to expand on your point about... • I want to follow up on your idea that... • Then again, I think that... • Another way to look at this could be... • Yet I wonder also if... • What struck me about what you said was...
Paraphrase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So you are saying that... • Let me see if I understand you... • Am I right in hearing you say that... • In a nutshell, are you arguing that... • In other words... • What I am hearing is... • Essentially you think that... • It sounds like you are saying that... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, I am saying... • Yes, I am saying...

Discussion Rubric

Discussion Trait	Score					
Participated by making relevant statements	0	1	2	3	4	5
Statements exhibited preparation/accuracy	0	1	2	3	4	5
Appropriately challenged the accuracy, logic, or clarity of statements made by others	0	1	2	3	4	5
Used logical reasoning	0	1	2	3	4	5
Asked pertinent, purposeful, and penetrating questions	0	1	2	3	4	5
NO POPCORNING	0	1	2	3	4	5
Made eye contact with group	0	1	2	3	4	5
Listened actively while not actively talking	0	1	2	3	4	5
Respectfully allowed others to finish; did not interrupt	0	1	2	3	4	5
Elaborated and clarified	0	1	2	3	4	5
Supported argument with examples	0	1	2	3	4	5
Built on or challenged others ideas	0	1	2	3	4	5
Paraphrased others arguments	0	1	2	3	4	5

