

# Guidelines for Providing Feedback to Peers

When providing feedback to your peers, it is important to consider what impact you are trying to make with your response. Feedback should always fall into one of three main categories. As the responder, you may provide specific praise to your peer, ask a thoughtful and intelligent question so you can gain deeper understanding, or provide a specific suggestion that may help your peer clarify his or her own thinking.

**Praise** - What did you like about your peer's response? Be specific!

*Example: I love how you distinguished between a main idea and a key detail. Your response helped me to better understand the difference between main ideas and key details.*



**Question** - What questions do you have for your peer? These should be questions to help you gain deeper understanding!

*Example: In your response you stated that the main character in the book was unwilling to take any risks. Could you provide an example from the text to help support that claim?*



**Suggestion** - How can your peer make his or her response stronger? Give specific suggestions! *Note: It is always best to pair a suggestion with specific praise. In doing so, the person with whom you are responding will become more open and receptive to what you may have to share.*

*Example: I love how you described the personality traits of the character in our novel study. One way to make your response stronger would be to include specific examples from the novel that support each of the personality traits you described in your response.*

