Goals for Productive Discussions and Nine Talk Moves

Goal One: Help Individual students share, expand and clarify their own thinking	
1.	Time to Think:
	Partner Talk Writing as Think Time Wait Time
2.	Say More:
	"Can you say more about that?" "What do you mean by that?" "Can you give an example?"
3.	So, Are You Saying…?:
	"So, let me see if I've got what you're saying. Are you saying?" (always leaving space for the original student to agree or disagree and say more)
Goal Two: Help Students listen carefully to one another	
4.	Who Can Rephrase or Repeat?:
	"Who can repeat what Javon just said or put it into their own words?" (After a partner talk) "What did your partner say?"
Goal Three: Help Students deepen their reasoning	
5.	Asking for Evidence or Reasoning:
	"Why do you think that?" "What's your evidence?" "How did you arrive at that conclusion?"
б.	Challenge or Counterexample:
	"Does it always work that way?" "How does that idea square with Sonia's example?" "What if it had been a mutation instead?"
Goal Four: Help Students think with others	
7.	Agree/Disagree and Why?:
	"Do you agree/disagree? (And why?)" "What do people think about what lan said?" "Does anyone want to respond to that idea?"
8.	Add On:
	"Who can add onto the idea that Jamal is building?" "Can anyone take that suggestion and push it a little further?"
9.	Explaining What Someone Else Means:
	"Who can explain what Aisha means when she says that?" "Who thinks they could explain why Simon came up with that answer?" "Why do you think he said that?"