

# Conversation Towers



## Discussion Protocol

- Each group member has a different color of linker cubes.
- Teacher poses a discussion question for partners or small groups to discuss.
- Once a member shares a thought, they place their cube in the middle of the table.
- If a different member's thought builds on a shared idea, they place their cube on top.
- If the thought does not build on, they place the cube in the middle of the table but not on top.

# Talking Sticks



## **“Talking Stick” protocol for holding a small-group discussion.**

1. Place your “Talking Stick” (could be a pen or pencil) in the center of your desks
2. The person who wants to talk first picks up the talking stick from the center of the table and shares his/her ideas.
3. When s/he is done, the talking stick is set down in front of him/her so the next person can pick up the stick to talk.
4. When all group members have taken a turn, place the sticks back in the center.
5. Each person must make one comment before any person can make a second or third comment.

**\*\*Teacher will decide if “passes” are allowed.**