Introducing a Debate, Controversy, or Difference of Opinion

**Directions:** Read the question below and compose a statement that introduces a debate, controversy, or difference of opinion between or among public and scholarly views.

**Question:** What are some common disagreements in the study of or discussion of literacy, within public or scholarly circles? For example, how do people disagree about the way people acquire, use, or experience literacy?

**Possible key words from debates about literacy:** “literacy myth”; “autonomous model of literacy”; “ideological model of literacy”; “the great divide”; “the hidden curriculum.”

**Possible Response Template:**

When it comes to the relationship between literacy and social identity, most of us will readily agree that _______________________; however, scholars have begun to challenge this notion and encourage us to consider____________________.

See this elaborated template for variation:

When it comes to the topic of ___________, most of us will readily agree that _________________. Where this agreement ends, however, is on the question of _________________. Whereas some are convinced that _________________, others maintain that _______________________.