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but let's give everyone a chance to...

One of our class rules is to...
You struggled with this today.
Why do you think we have that rule?

When you... I'm not able to...

Tell me about what happened...

Tell me about why you think
this happened...

How did your actions affect
our class today?

What role did you play?

How do you think you can
make this right?

Was there something that
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