THE INQUIRY EXPEDITION

Question Starter Stems

EXPLORING CAUSES AND EFFECTS	EXAMINING PERSPECTIVES	MAKING CONNECTIONS	CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS	IMAGINING POSSIBILITIES
WHY DOES…?	HOW MIGHT… BE SEEN DIFFERENTLY BY…?	HOW IS… CONNECTED TO…?	IS IT ALWAYS TRUE THAT…?	WHAT IF… HAD NEVER HAPPENED?
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF…?	WHOSE VOICE IS MISSING FROM…?	IN WHAT WAYS IS… SIMILAR TO OR DIFFERENT FROM…?	WHAT ARE WE ASSUMING WHEN WE SAY…?	HOW MIGHT THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF…?
HOW DOES… AFFECT…?	IN WHAT WAYS COULD… BE INTERPRETED AS…?	WHAT PATTERNS DO WE NOTICE ACROSS…?	WHAT EVIDENCE WOULD CHANGE OUR THINKING ABOUT…?	WHAT COULD BE DONE TO…?

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Surface to Deep

MY SURFACE QUESTIONS IS: _____

STEP 1 - IS IT SURFACE?	STEP 2 - PICK A STARTER AND REWRITE	STEP 3 - PUSH IT OUTWARD
Ask yourself: • Can it be answered with **yes** or **no**? • Can it be answered with a **single fact**? • Can it be answered **without thinking**? If **yes** to any of these — it is surface. Move to Step 2..	Try **two** or **three** of these starters: • **Why** (causes) • **How might** (perspectives) • **In what ways** (connections) • **Is it always true that** (assumptions) • **What if** (possibilities) • **What are we assuming when** (assumptions) • **Whose voice is missing from** (perspectives)	**Connect your question to one of these:** • **Something I already know** • **Something in the real world today** • **My own experience** • **Another text I have read**
	MY REWRITTEN QUESTION:	**MY CONNECTION:**

MY DEEP QUESTION IS:

Does it pass the test?

- ◯ Cannot be answered without thinking
- ◯ Makes me genuinely curious
- ◯ Connects beyond the text