

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS

One of the best ways to encourage critical thinking is by asking excellent questions. The following questions can be used to encourage students to think deeply and critically about the world and understand the logical connection between ideas.

WHO	WHAT	WHERE	WHY	HOW	WHEN
..is directly affected by this?	..was the point?	..are there similar concerns/issues?	..do you think this?	..would your perspective change if you were on the other side?	..does this become a problem?
..are the key people involved?	..could have happened instead?	..can this be improved?	..does it matter?	...do we know the truth behind this?	..is this acceptable/unacceptable?
..can you defend the actions of?	...would happen if?	..do you see this in the world?	...is this relevant to me/other people?	..does this relate to you?	..could this be interpreted differently?
..does this benefit?	..makes your position stronger?	..will the idea be relevant to you?	..do you agree/disagree?	..does this benefit us?	..can we expect things to change and what needs to change?
..would be the best person to gain information from and why?	..is the evidence?	..can we get more information?	..is this important?	..could we avoid the problem in future?	..will we be able to say it worked?
..is affected by this?	..are the weakest areas of the argument?	..have you encountered the opposite of this?	..is that answer the best one?	..is this similar to...?	..would this actually benefit our society?
..can help change this situation?	..is another way to look at it?	..would you look to find an opposing view?	..did you ask that question?	..may different people view this issue?	..would be the best time to solve the problem?