

Question Starters

Kick start your investigation of a topic with these question stems.

1. Why is . . . ?
2. Why did . . . ?
3. How did . . . ?
4. When might . . . ?
5. What if . . . ?
6. What characterizes . . . ?
7. Why do you think . . . ?
8. In what ways . . . ?
9. What else could . . . ?
10. What caused . . . ?
11. What was the effect of . . . ?
12. What are the pros and cons of . . . ?
13. What differences exist between . . . and . . . ?
14. How does . . . compare with . . . ?
15. What would happen if . . . ?
16. What would you infer from . . . ?
17. What do you think the author meant by this quote: “ ____ ”?
18. What do you think about . . . ?
19. What advice would you give . . . ?
20. What criteria would you use to assess . . . ?
21. Why is . . . significant?