

Question Forms

Level One

Contextuals

How was this idea (event, text, work, etc.) shaped by its time?
Where did this originate and why?
Who was the originator of this and what was he or she like?

Definitions and clarifications

How do you define this (word, term, idea, etc.)?
What does this idea (passage, concept, etc.) mean?
What would be a specific, concrete example of this?

Analyzers

What parts or features make up the whole and what does each part do?
How do the parts contribute to the whole?
How is this organized and why is it organized this way?
What are the most important features of this?

Level Two

Comparatives

How is this the same as that?
How is this different than that?
How are these more or less similar?
What is the opposite of this?

Causals

What factors caused this to happen?
Which of these factors is sufficient? Which contributing or probable?
On what grounds can we eliminate possible causes or explanations?

Applicators

How can we apply this to a set of circumstances?
What can we predict because of this?
What are the implications of this is true/correct?

Level Three

Evaluatives

Why do you like or dislike this (or agree or disagree with this)?
How strong is the case that this is correct?
What criteria are best for judging this?
What is the best order or priority for these things and why?
What is the strongest argument against this?

Counterfactuals

How would this change if X happened?
How would things be different if X had not happened?
How would things be different if X happened to a greater (or lesser) degree?

Extenders (Synthesizers)

What can we predict because of this?
What ideas can be added to this?
What might happen if you added this to that?