



Help Students Ask Critical Thinking Questions

Build on Students' Natural Curiosity!

- **Choose a reading or subject to inspire your students**
 - Utilize open ended questions such as “how” or “why”
 - For example, “How does math relate to this career?”
- **Encourage students to develop their own questions and write them down!**
- **Schedule a discussion about the questions**
 - The conversation should inspire more questions or debates.
 - Have them share their questions with each other.
 - Encourage them to use texts or experiences to support their ideas.
- **Cement their thinking**
 - Use reflective questions such as “What idea or questions made you reflect the most today?”
 - This helps build skills and confidence.
 - Make sure students complete PREP-KC’s post-survey after the event.
- **Push them for quality over quantity**
 - Ask your students if these are questions they actually care about. What are meaningful questions to them?

PREP-KC Sample Questions

School Preparation:

- What should I be doing now to prepare for my future?
- What are the most important skills I need to learn in school?
- How do you use English and/or Math in your career?

Understanding College:

- Why is college important?
- How did you know you wanted to go to college?
- How many years did you go to school to do what you do?

Career Preparation:

- How did you decide what you wanted to do in your career?
- What do you like best about your career?
- What personal characteristics are important to be successful in your career?
- What are the most challenging aspects of your work?
- How many hours do you typically work each day?