

Essential Question help

<u>Question</u>	<u>Description-Example</u>	<u>Task type</u>
Why	5 year old's question- <i>Why is there global warming?</i>	Cause and Effect
How	The inventor's question Think of things in a new way- <i>How can we improve recycling?</i>	Create, design, invent ...
Which	Determines who we are as people- <i>Which path will I choose between right and wrong? Which treatment will I choose if faced with a life threatening illness?</i>	Compare and Contrast

Essential Question:

The main concept or big ideas (based on standards)

The big idea with open-ended and higher level thinking questions

It must be open-ended, interesting, motivating, and focuses on key concepts and standards

Essential Question Starters:

What does a good _____ look like?

What are the ingredients for a successful _____?

What is the best way to _____?

What will happen if _____?

What would _____ be like without _____?

Convert your Answers into Questions:

What is the purpose of learning it? What do you want your students to get out of it? Why will learning this be important 20 years from now?

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What real or simulated problem situation will students address? What useful product(s), event(s), or service(s) will students produce?

What audience might benefit from the students' work?