

# 28 CRITICAL THINKING QUESTION STEMS FOR ANY CONTENT AREA

1. What evidence can you present for/against...?
2. How does ... contrast with ...?
3. How could you outline or concept map...? Explain your response with examples.
4. Why is ... significant? Explain your reasoning.
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of ...?
6. What is the point or 'big idea' of ...?
7. How could you judge the accuracy of ...?
8. What are the differences between ... and ...?
9. How is ... related to ...?
10. What ideas could you add to ... and how would these ideas change it?
11. Describe ... from the perspective of ....
12. What do you think about ...? Explain your reasoning.
13. When might ... be most useful and why?
14. How could you create or design a new...? Explain your thinking.
15. What solutions could you suggest the problem of ...? Which might be most effective and why?
16. What might happen if you combined ... and ...?
17. Do you agree that ...? Why or why not?
18. What information would you need to make a decision about ...?
19. How could you prioritize ...?
20. How is ... an example of ...?
21. What are the most important parts or features of ...?
22. Which details of ... are most important and why?
23. What patterns do you notice in ...?
24. How could you classify ... into a more/less general category?
25. What makes ... important?
26. What criteria could you use to assess ...?
27. How could ... and ... function together? How do they work separately and together and different ways?
28. Where is ... most/least ...? Explain your reasoning.

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