

Portfolio Reflection Question Stems

Thinking Skill	Question
Analyzing	What qualities/characteristics were relevant _____? What components _____? How could you break down _____?
Applying	How could you use what you have learned? Where could you use your new learning in real life? How does this apply to what you have learned previously? How is _____ an example of _____?
Assessing	By what criteria would you assess _____? How could you improve _____?
Categorizing, Classifying, Organizing	How might you classify _____? If you were going to categorize _____? If you were going to organize _____, what criteria would you use?
Cause/Effect	What is the cause of _____? How does _____ effect _____? What impact might _____ have on the final outcome?
Comparing and Contrasting	How would you compare _____? What similarities _____? What are the differences between _____? How is/are _____ different?
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Connecting/Associating	What do you already know about _____? What connections can you make between _____? What things do you think of when you think of _____?

Decision Making	How would you decide _____? If you had to choose between _____?
Defining	How would you define _____? In your own words, describe the meaning of _____.
Describing/Summarizing	How would you describe/summarize _____? If you were a reporter, how would you summarize _____?
Drawing Conclusions/Inferring Consequences	What conclusions can you draw from _____? What would happen if _____? What would have happened if _____? If you changed _____, what might happen?
Elaborating	What ideas might you add to _____? What more can you say about _____?
Eliminating	What part of _____ might you eliminate? How could you reduce _____?
Thinking Skill	Question
Evaluating	What is your opinion about _____? Do you prefer _____ of _____? Would you rather _____? What is your favorite _____? Do you agree or disagree _____? What are the positive and negative aspects of _____?

	<p>What are the advantages and disadvantages of _____?</p> <p>If you were a judge, _____?</p> <p>On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate _____?</p> <p>What is the most important _____?</p> <p>As a result, it is better or worse due to _____?</p>
Explaining	<p>How can you explain _____?</p> <p>What factors might explain _____?</p>
Experimenting	<p>How could you test _____?</p> <p>What experiment could you do to _____?</p>
Generalizing	<p>What general rule can _____?</p> <p>What principle could you apply _____?</p> <p>What can you say about all _____?</p>
Interpreting	<p>Why is _____ important?</p> <p>What is the significance of _____?</p> <p>What role _____?</p> <p>What is the moral of _____?</p>
Thinking Skills	Questions
Inventing	<p>What could you invent to _____?</p> <p>What machine could _____?</p>
Investigating	<p>How could you find out more about _____?</p> <p>If you wanted to know about _____?</p>
Making Analogies	<p>How is _____ like _____?</p> <p>What analogy can you invent for _____?</p>

Observing	What observations did you make about _____? What changes _____?
Patterning	What patterns can you find _____? How could you describe the organization of _____?