Question Exploration Routine Device Checklist

Directions: Put a checkmark (√) by each component present.

Teacher: _____
School: _____
Date: _____

Coach: _____
Subject: _____
Critical Question: _____
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THE CRITICAL QUESTION   p. 6 in Question Exploration guidebook

Targets the most important ideas/content of the lesson, unit, or course
Is a big idea question that students cannot immediately answer (usually a "how", "why" or broader "what" question)
When answered makes abstract or complex content and relationships more understandable
Is useful for studying (includes information that will most likely be assessed)

KEY TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS   pp. 6-7 in Question Exploration guidebook

Are each explained briefly
Are the important words or phrases that must be understood to discuss and answer the question
Are clear and student friendly

SUPPORTING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS   pp. 7-8, 58-66 in Question Exploration guidebook

Are used to "unpack" or break apart the Critical Question (written in box 3)
Have answers for each question written in the box; physically aligned to the question
Lead to the Main Idea Answer and the Critical Question
Often represent a coherent short answer to the question leading up to the Main Idea Answer

MAIND IDEA ANSWER   p. 8 in Question Exploration guidebook

Is written concisely
Is a broad answer that can be used later in a variety of ways
Fully incorporates understandings constructed from the key terms and smaller questions

USE IN A RELATED AREA   p. 8 in Question Exploration guidebook

Is a question prompting students to explore the Main Idea answer in greater depth
Requires students to explore the Main Idea answer within the same subject
Challenges students to deal with more extensive information, manipulating it differently

REAL WORLD USE   p. 8 in Question Exploration guidebook

Challenges students to show how the Main Idea applies to the real world
Is written in student-friendly language, helping students to use the critical content
Results in generalization of the Main Idea OR is a Challenge Question

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