

# Question Exploration Guide

Title/standard: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Question #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Question #: \_\_\_\_\_ Lesson Question #: \_\_\_\_\_

1 What is the Critical Question? The Question that will be the focus of the lesson  
• these are questions that probe the most important ideas of a lesson, unit, or course

2 What are the Key Terms and explanations?  
Key terms related to the critical question that must be understood in order to discuss and answer the question.  
Explanation of definition of each word or phrase goes here.  
Can be important words in question or words/phrases used during the discussion

3 What are the Supporting Questions and answers?  
Questions that will unpack/break apart the critical question into smaller units  
Answer to each supporting question  
• Questions leading to answer of critical question  
• Represent a sequence of logical thinking that will lead student to answer critical question  
\* Graphic organizers, sketches, computations, or other visual representation may be used \*

4 What is the Main Idea Answer? Concise answer to the critical question  
Summary statement developed interactively with students based on information written in sections 2 & 3.

5 How can we use the Main Idea? Written question or statement that prompts students to explore the main idea answer in greater depth to demonstrate student understanding.  
Require students to explore the use of the Main Idea Answer w/in the same subject area of the course being taught or closely related area should challenge students to deal w/ more extensive info & manipulate info in a variety of ways.  
Student writes answer to the question on separate sheet or back of paper.

6 Is there an Overall Idea? Is there a real-world use? Written statement or question challenging students to show how the main idea applies to the real world.  
Question/Prompt based on something that is happening in the community, state, nation or world.  
Student write answer to the challenging question/prompt on a separate sheet or back of paper.  
Overall Idea will promote generalization of learning!