**Writing Open-Ended Questions**

*Socratic Questioning Guide*

Asking open-ended questions, which cannot be answered with a simple yes or no response, helps create robust conversation in class discussions or writing feedback forums. Use the following guide to write questions that will spark conversation and critical thinking in your discussions with student colleagues.

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| **Ask for clarification**               | • Why did you choose this communication style?  
• What interests you about servant leadership?  
• How does this idea tie into our conversation about different behavioral theories?                                                                 |
| **Question assumptions**                | • Why do you think this method is more effective at creating a collaborative learning environment?  
• What makes you believe that most small businesses are likely to fail?  
• Are there reasons you believe this patient has a cognitive disorder?                                                                                   |
| **Ask for evidence**                    | • Can you provide an example of an inclusive classroom?  
• Can you point to some research that illustrates how advertising-based business models are generally more successful?  
• Is the idea you’ve provided generally accepted, or can this be supported with evidence?                                                                 |
| **Probe for varying perspectives**      | • Who would benefit from this high-leverage practice in special education?  
• Are there counterarguments to this behavioral intervention strategy?  
• Can you think of another way to look at this problem or solution?                                                                                       |
| **Ask about implications and consequences** | • What might be an outcome if a teacher ignores a student’s outbursts in a classroom environment?  
• What might be some consequences of insider trading?  
• What are the implications of HIPAA for patients and their rights?                                                                                      |
| **Question the question**               | • Why do you think this question is important?  
• How will this question expand our conversation about communication strategies?  
• What do you hope to understand by asking which behavioral intervention method is preferable?                                                                |