

Learning Purpose	Socratic Questions
Clarifying Explanations	What do you mean by....? Provide an additional example of.... How does this compare and/or contrast to....? What are the potential advantages and disadvantages of... ?
Questioning Assumptions	What other explanations might account for this? What are the assumptions behind this statement?
Exploring Additional Evidence	How can we find out more about this topic? How does this connect to the concepts we've discussed previously? What additional evidence can you find to support or refute this idea?
Multiple Perspectives	What would someone who disagrees say? What are the cultural implications?
Real World Implications	What are potential consequences or implications of this? Provide a real world example of...
Self-Reflective Processes	Why should this issue matter? What is the importance of learning about this issue? What other questions do you now want to explore?

The Professor's Role

- You can expect that I will be reading ALL posts but I will not be responding to each post individually. Instead, I will be sharing information, making comments and asking questions that are directed at the class rather than individuals.
- At the “end” of each conversation, I will be posting a summary of the conversation.
- Using the provided rubric, I will be entering grades for your message board contributions at mid-semester and then again at the end of the semester.