

## Essential Question Criteria Check sheet



Does the question center around a student relevant major issue, problem, concern, or interest?	
Does the question probe for deeper meaning?	
Does the question set the stage for further questioning? Is the question open-ended?	
Is the question non-judgmental?	
Is the question meaningful and purposeful?	
Does the question appeal to emotions?	
Is the question intellectual?	
Does the question invite an exploration of ideas and beliefs?	
Does the question encourage collaboration?	
Does the question have more than one right answer?	
Is the question do-able as a project?	
Does the question ask the learner to make a decision?  <i>Should? Which? <b>OR</b> ask the learner to plan a course of action?</i>  <i>How? Why? What if?</i>	
Is the question framed in "kid friendly" language?	
Do you have a reasonable number of questions? 1 or 2 for a lesson; between 3 and 5 for a unit of study that ranges 3-12 weeks.	