

Skill	Sample Stems
Ask questions to yourself to make meaning of the most important facts or ideas you read or hear.	<p>What seems to be the most important idea? What is confusing me? What don't I understand? How would I explain this in my own words?</p>
Ask questions to connect content to what you already know.	<p>What comes to mind when I read (or hear) this? What do I already know about this? Does this contradict something I think I already know? In what ways does this add to or extend what I already know?</p>
Ask questions to clarify and better understand the meaning of a topic or text	<p>What did the author mean when she wrote _____ ? What do you mean when you say _____ ? Can you say this in another way? What example can you give? How would you summarize _____?</p>
Ask questions to understand the relationship between two different things.	<p>How is _____ similar to _____? How is _____ different from _____? What do _____ and _____ have in common? What may have contributed to _____? What resulted from _____?</p>
Inquire about the importance or value of something.	<p>What contributes to the significance of _____? How might we go about evaluating _____? What criteria (or standards) could we use to judge _____?</p>
Express curiosity.	<p>I wonder why _____. How might we _____? Have you ever thought about _____?</p>
Challenge a traditional way of thinking about a topic.	<p>What might be an alternative way of thinking? What if _____? What's another way of thinking about _____?</p>
Test new ideas.	<p>I am thinking _____. How do others react? Imagine _____. How might that play out? What if _____?</p>