

Identifying Essential Questions and Understandings

Topics and Big Ideas

What essential questions are raised by this idea or topic?
What, *specifically*, about the idea or topic do you want students to come to understand?

Why study _____? So what?

What makes the study of _____ universal?

If the unit on _____ is a story, what's the moral of the story?

What's the Big Idea implied in the skill or process of _____?

What larger concept, issue, or problem underlies _____?

What couldn't we do if we didn't understand _____?

How is _____ used and applied in a larger world?

What is real-world insight about _____?

What is the value of studying _____?

Essential Questions:

Understandings: