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 __________?

Essential Questions:

Understandings: