
Prompts for Generating Thoughtful Discussions

1. Encouraging Teachers to Reflect on Student Work

“What skills do you see the student using?”

“How do these compare to the student’s previous work?”

“How can you use what’s here to prompt the student to make improvements?”

“What did the student do well?”

“What surprised you?”

“What changes can you make in instruction to bring about a different result?”

“How can you document student growth over time?”

2. Encouraging Teachers to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners

“How will this work for the student who...?”

“How can you connect this to what the student already knows?”

“What will the rest of the class be doing while you’re helping this student?”

“How can you help the student know what to do next?”

“What kind of support can you provide for this student other than teacher support?”

3. Encouraging Teachers to Reflect on Their Teaching

“How has your teaching changed as a result of taking this course?”

“What do you wish you had more time to do in the classroom?”

“What instructional technique or strategy really works for you and your students?”

“What would you like to change about yourself as a teacher?”

“How can we support your professional growth?”

“If you could observe another teacher, what would you focus on during the observation?”

4. Encouraging Teachers to Reflect on Classroom Management

“How does flexible grouping support the less able learners in your classroom?”

“What have you done to minimize distractions during instruction?”

“What responsibilities do your students have in the classroom? What additional responsibilities could you give them? How would these additional responsibilities help your students and you?”

“What are the first routines you teach your students?”

“How do you manage discipline in your room?”

“How do you and your students celebrate successes?”

“How can we support you with your classroom management?”