Questioning Techniques and Discussion Facilitation

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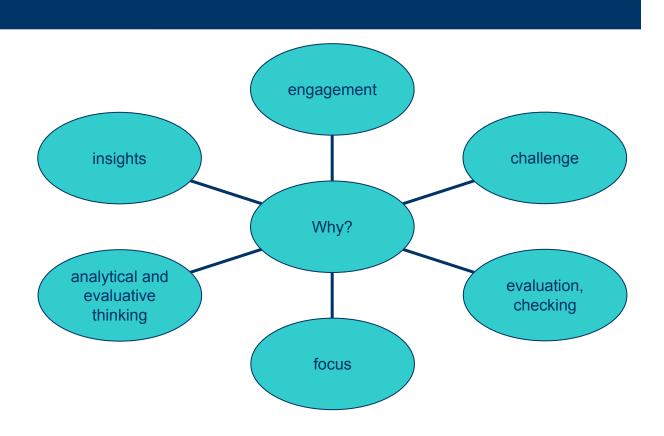
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Questioning Benefits

- better and deeper understanding
- longer lasting memory retention
- critical thinking
- active interaction



Questioning as a teaching strategy



Gain attention

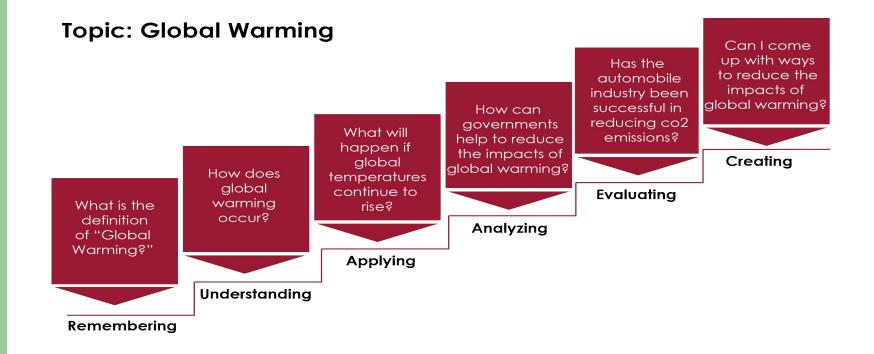
- —Why should we be concerned about melting arctic ice?
- Why are some people poor and other people rich?
- —How does your brain work?
- —What is the chemistry of life?
- Can people improve their basic intelligence?

- Ask open-ended questions
- 'What is the next number in the sequence?' —
 'How did you work that out?'
- "Do you like this company?"
 "What do you like best about this company?"

Make your questions relevant

- —How will the proposed economic stimulus package affect you as a college student?
- —How will your successful completion of this class prepare you to enter the work force?

Employ all level thinking skills



Keep the conversation going

"What kinds of questions do you have?" vs.

"Do you have any questions?"

 Ask students for questions



Facilitating a discussion

- time to think and formulate responses
- wait, do not interrupt
- show interest
- respond to keep students thinking

Summary

improve the effectiveness improve your questions students-led classroom increase engagement