Core Competency Prompting Questions

**Positive Personal and Cultural Identity**

* What makes you unique?
* Tell me about your learning strengths
* How do you learn best?
* Who you are? I am...
* What makes your heart sing?
* What’s most important to you?
* How do you make good decisions? What influences your decisions?

**Social Responsibility**

* Talk about a time you made sure everyone was included
* Share something special about your community
* Share a time when you used kind questions to learn more about a curiosity you have?
* What does fair look like and how do you make that happen?
* I used kind words and actions to encourage and/or help others
* I work cooperatively with others in any situation.
* I encourage others to understand the importance of community and/or world events and how they relate to us.
* I look for ways to help make the lives of others better and I take action
* I plan ways to take care of environment and I encourage others to join me.

**Personal Awareness and Responsibility**

* What treasures or gifts do you bring to our class?
* When I am having trouble with something, I...
* What storybook characters remind you of yourself?
* What do you need so that you can contribute to our class discussions?
* When I get upset, I...
* I know I am good at this because...
* I keep myself healthy by...
* These events, \_\_\_\_\_\_. Helped me to grow by...
* How do I take ownership of feelings and emotions?
* I make healthy choices that positively affect me.
* How do I create my own learning goals and evaluate how I’m doing?
* How do you see yourself?
* Tell me about your relationships? (In class/family/community)
* How do you make choices?
* Give me an example of a personal strength. (Academic or personal)
* What do I enjoy doing?
* What am I good at?
* What strategies do I use when...
* What gives me joy?
* What helps you to focus?
* When I am struggling I...
* What strategies do I use to persevere?

**Critical Thinking**

* Tell about a time when you had to try more than one strategy to solve a problem
* What strategy do you use to analyze ideas?
* Can you give an example of...
* Why do you think...
* How do you solve...
* Can you explain...
* Can you elaborate on the reason...
* Tell me about a time you used multiple sources to get information? How did you decide if they were real/true/accurate?
* Analyzing: bring in thinking operation
* Compare and contrast. How are the ideas similar or different?
* Process: The Doing – how did you get to your “ideas”, “solutions”?
* What did you see, hear, do, and feel to get there?
* Critique: How do you know you were successful? List 3 words and then describe- brainstorm all the evidence behind the words...
* Evidence- needs to be broken down for students (connections, reliability, examples of...)
* When/ describe a time when you changed your mind and why?
* Describe a time when you used questions to better understand...
* What were you thinking and why?
* Describe a time when you used reasoning & new information to make a decision.
* Describe something that didn’t work and what you did differently...
* What do you think happened when...?
* How did you incorporate other people’s ideas/perspectives?
* Why was this activity so hard?
* How has your thinking changed? Why?
* What do you think and how do you know?
* What conclusion have you come to?
* How plausible is...
* What evidence do you see...?
* How did you arrive at your conclusion and where else could you have gone with it?
* To what degree...
* What are you missing?
* What questions do you still have?
* How could this be improved?
* What didn’t work and why?
* What’s next?
* How is it going and where to next?
* Can you apply this in another context?
* What choices did you make?

**Creative Thinking**

* Where do your new ideas come from?
* What do you do with your new ideas?
* Describe a time when you helped build upon the ideas of other.
* Describe the environment that works best for you when creating ideas.
* Describe a time when your ideas took a long time to develop.
* Developing ideas
* Tell me about an idea in...
* How have you used other people’s ideas to support your thinking?
* Novelty
* What personal strategies do you use to generate ideas?
* How do you come up with stuff?
* What inspires you?

Communication

* Give an example of when you shared information that made your group “smarter”
* Tell a time when you disagreed and let them know in a respectful manner.
* What kind of feedback helps you learn?
* Tell a time you used feedback to improve your learning
* What does effective group work look like?
* What strategies do you use to help you present information in an organized manner?
* How do you share information with others?
* Describe some ways you have collaborated with others.
* How do we communicate effectively? Looks like, Sounds Like, Facts Like
* How do you show you are an active listener?
* What is my role in Group work? And how do I connect and engage with others?
* What is your strength when working in a group work?
* What do you need to?
* What role is easy for you? Hard for you?
* How do I acquire/interpret or present info (focus on one at a time)
* What is the purpose of collaboration?
* Think of a time you presented to others. What worked well? Was important to do? 3 stars plus a wish
* Think of a metaphor that show who you are as a listener, learner, communicator
* What could you do differently?
* Know what you know now about
* What would you do differently?
* How did you work with others to develop ideas...to create solutions?
* In what ways did your listening contribute to the group’s understanding?
* What do you do when you disagree?
* What strategies do you use to generate ideas?
* What are some strategies you use to present information clearly and in an organized way?
* How do you use the language of discipline to articulate your learning?
* What are some ways you can show your learning?