



Sample Essential and Focus Questions

Social Studies Example

Essential question

When is the restriction of freedom a good thing?

Focus questions

What is freedom?

What freedoms do U.S. citizens have?

Science Example

Essential question

How do the structures of amphibians and reptiles support their survival?

Focus questions

What do amphibians and reptiles need to survive?

How are amphibians and reptiles similar? Different?

Language Arts Example

Essential question

What is the purpose of literature in culture?

Focus questions

How have specific works of literature influenced society?

How do people use literature?