Before During After

Questions About Viewpoints or Perspectives
• You seem to be approaching this issue from ________________perspective. Why have you chosen this, rather than that perspective?
• How would other groups/types of people respond? Why? What would influence them?
• Can/did anyone see this another way?
• What would someone who disagrees say?
• What is an alternative?
• How are Ken’s and Maria’s ideas alike? How are they different?

Questions That Probe Implications and Consequences
• What are you implying by that?
• When you say ________________, are you implying ________________?
• But if that happened, what else would also happen as a result? Why?
• What effect would that have?
• Would that necessarily happen or only probably happen?
• If this and this are the case, then what else must be true?

Questions About the Question
• How can we find out?
• Is this the same issue as ________________?
• Can we break this question down at all?
• Is the question clear? Do we understand it?
• What does this question assume?
• Does this question ask us to evaluate something?
• Do we need facts to answer this?
• To answer this question, what other questions would we have to answer first?

Questions That Probe Concepts
• What is the main idea with which we are dealing?
• Why/how is this idea important?
• Do these two ideas conflict? If so, how?
• What was the main idea guiding the thinking of the character in this story?
• What main distinctions should we draw in reasoning through this problem?

Questions That Probe Inferences and Interpretations
• What conclusions are we coming to about ________________?
• On what information are we basing this conclusion?
• Is there a more logical inference that we might make in this situation?
• How are you interpreting his/her behavior? Is there another possible interpretation?
• What do you think of ________________?
• How did you reach that conclusion?
• Given all of the facts, what is the best possible conclusion?
• How shall we interpret these data?