Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Levels



Level One Activities	Level Two Activities	Level Three Activities	Level Four Activities
Recall elements and details of story structure, such as sequence of	Identify and summarize the major events in a narrative.	Support ideas with details and examples.	Conduct a project that requires specifying a problem, designing and
events, character, plot and setting. Conduct basic mathematical	Use context cues to identify the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Use voice appropriate to the purpose and audience.	conducting an experiment, analyzing its data, and reporting results/ solutions.
calculations. Label locations on a map.	Solve routine multiple-step problems. Describe the cause/effect of a	Identify research questions and design investigations for a scientific problem.	Apply mathematical model to illuminate a problem or situation.
Represent in words or diagrams a scientific concept or relationship.	particular event. Identify patterns in events or	Develop a scientific model for a complex situation.	Analyze and synthesize information from multiple sources.
Perform routine procedures like measuring length or using punctuation marks correctly.	behavior. Formulate a routine problem given data and conditions.	Determine the author's purpose and describe how it affects the interpretation of a reading	Describe and illustrate how common themes are found across texts from different cultures.
Describe the features of a place or people.	Organize, represent and interpret data.	selection. Apply a concept in other contexts.	Design a mathematical model to inform and solve a practical or abstract situation.

Webb, Norman L. and others. "Web Alignment Tool" 24 July 2005. Wisconsin Center of Educational Research. University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2 Feb. 2006. http://www.wcer.wisc.edu/WAT/index.aspx>.

DOK Question Stems

DOK 1 • Can you recall? • When didhappen? • Who was? • How can you recognize? • What is? • How can you find the meaning of? • Can you recall? • Can you select? • How would you write? • What might you include on a list about? • Who discovered? • What is the formula for? • Can you identify? • How would you describe?	 DOK 2 Can you explain howaffected? How would you apply what you learned to develop? How would you compare? Contrast?? How would you classify?? How arealike? Different? How would you classify the type of?? What can you say about?? How would you summarize?? How would you use an outline to?? When would you estimate?? How could you organize?? What would you organize?? What would you organize?? What would you use to classify?? What do you notice about??
 DOK 3 How isrelated to? What conclusions can you draw? How would you adaptto create a different? How would you test? Can you predict the outcome if? What is the best answer? Why? What conclusion can be drawn from these three texts? What is your interpretation of this text? Support your rationale. How would you describe the sequence of? What facts would you select to support? Can you elaborate on the reason? What would happen if? Can you formulate a theory for? How would you test_? Can you elaborate on the reason?? 	 DOK 4 Write a thesis, drawing conclusions from multiple sources. Design and conduct an experiment. Gather information to develop alternative explanations for the results of an experiment. Write a research paper on a topic. Apply information from one text to another text to develop a persuasive argument. What information can you gather to support your idea about? DOK 4 would most likely be the writing of a research paper or applying information from one text to develop a persuasive argument. DOK 4 would most likely be the writing of a research paper or applying information from one text to develop a persuasive argument. DOK 4 requires time for extended thinking.

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Depth of Knowledge –Level 3 Students provide support for reasoning, apply complex and abstract thinking, and make decisions.	Depth of Knowledge –Level 4 Students make connections, related ideas within the content or among content areas, and devise one approach among alternatives on how a situation can be solved.	
Engagement Prompts	Engagement Prompts	
What makesbetter than/superior to? Explain or connect ideas using supporting evidence to Analyze/synthesize information within one data source or text. What is the recurring theme in? Provide supporting details. Support your rationale. Evaluate and provide rationale. Verify the reasonableness of What is your interpretation of? Cite evidence and develop a logical argument for How would you adapt? How would your test? What would happen if?	Investigate and draw conclusions about howimpacts the world today. How would you adaptto createthat would be applicable in the real world? Analyze and explain multiple perspectives/issues within or across time periods, events, or cultures. Analyze how similar themes or ideas are developed in multiple texts. Evaluate for real-world occurrence. Designto improve Justify your choice. Gather, organize, and interpret information from multiple sources. Write a research report.	
Strategic thinking DOK Level 3 requires higher cognitive demands than the previous levels. Students explain/justify thinking and provide supporting evidence for reasoning or conclusions drawn. Level 3 tasks typically require reasoning, complexity, developing a plan or sequence of steps, and have more than one possible response or solution.	Extended thinking DOK Level 4 requires complex reasoning and time to research, plan, and problem solve, and think. Tasks involve investigation or application to the real world and include none-routine manipulations or connections with and across discipline, content areas, and multiple sources. Students select one approach among many alternatives. Tasks usually occur over an extended period of time	

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