

Creating Essential Questions

Purpose: Essential questions guide and frame the note-taking and summarization.

Directions: Read the examples of standards/ objectives and essential questions.

Language Arts	Standard/objective:	3.6- Identify significant literary devices (e.g., metaphor, symbolism, dialect, irony) that define a writer’s style.
	Essential Question:	How do literary devices such as metaphor, symbolism, dialect, and irony define the writer’s style?
Mathematics	Standard/objective:	Alg. 9.0- Students use substitution to solve a system of two linear equations in two variables algebraically.
	Essential Question:	How is a system of two linear equations solved by substitution?
Social Studies	Standard/objective:	10.5.2- Understand the role of Appeasement, nonintervention (isolationism), and the domestic distractions in Europe and the United States prior to the outbreak of World War II.
	Essential Question:	Why is Appeasement a contributing factor to the start of World War II?
Science	Topic:	Diffusion and Osmosis
	Essential Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the process of diffusion and osmosis in a membrane system? • What is the effect of solute concentration on water potential as it relates to living plant tissues?

Practice Writing Essential Questions for Your Classes

Directions: Create your own Essential Question based on a standard/objective/topic.

1.	Standard/objective:	.
Subject	Essential Questions:	
2.	Standard/objective:	
Subject	Essential Question:	
3.	Standard/objective:	
Subject	Essential Question:	