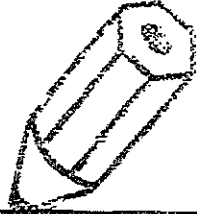


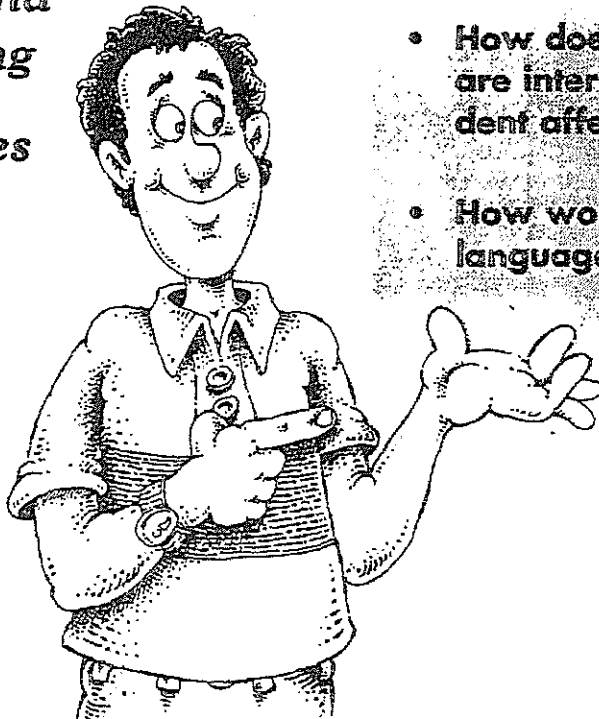
**WHAT'S
WORTH
TEACHING?**

Essential Questions

Criteria:



- *Open ended*
- *Cannot be answered by yes or no*
- *May require research*
- *Create connections for the learner with the content*
- *Causes the learner to seek a deeper level of knowledge and understanding*
- *Frame choices of learning experience*



EXAMPLES

from different learning units:

- *What types of literary issues will stand the test of time?*
- *How do we use math skills to solve problems of work, home, and play?*
- *How would my language and culture be different if the French had won the French and Indian War?*
- *How does the fact that ecosystems are inter-related and interdependent affect our community?*
- *How would knowing a second language affect your life?*

Learning units tend to have 1-4 essential questions.

More than six may indicate the questions are too specific.



Essential Questions

- ★ *How is the development of social groups affected by their natural environment?*
- ★ *How do we use math skills to solve problems at work, at home, and at play?*
- ★ *Why do governments form?*
- ★ *How can music serve as a language?*
- ★ *What relationships develop between producers and consumers?*
- ★ *Why is diversity important in a web (social, food)?*
- ★ *How have geometric shapes influenced our lives?*

Essential questions from Giselle Martin-Khiep

Are we really free?
Can/should change be stopped?
Are leaders made?
What is the meaning of life?
Is progress necessary?
Does history really repeat itself?
Are some stereotypes true?
Where does perception end and reality begin?
How far is far?
Is there such a thing as a selfless act?
Is time an absolute thing?
What makes writing worth reading?
Is it better to live with the question or the wrong answer?
How do we explain the unexplainable?
What is essential?
What is progress?
Do we have control over our destiny?
What's the point of a point-of-view?
Is there anything original?
What makes you you?
If we are so alike, how do we explain our differences?
Can there be good without evil?
Can a child be a scientist?
Are humans inhumane?
What is justice?
Do people really rule?
When is the price/cost of discovery too high?
Can a moral person be immoral?
What of mathematics is essential?
Are all cultures equally valuable?
Which culture is best?
What is happiness?
What is the most important discovery of the 20th century?
Does technology drive new technology or do people drive new technology?
Is technology invented or discovered?
Should all citizens be treated equally?
Is love at first sight love?
Can a virtue be a vice?
What makes art great?
What is good poetry?
Who should define what art is?
Does art change society?
How does art reflect the health of a society?
When does loyalty become cowardice?
Can you win and lose at the same time?
Are there any absolutes?
Are all teachers learners?
What is worth teaching?
What is worth testing?
What is worth learning?
What of what makes a good employee is teachable?
What is good parenting?
When is cheating not bad?
Is education essential for life's success?