LAUNCHING AN INQUIRY

Criteria for an effective inquiry question

• is an invitation to think, not recall or summarize
• generates deep thinking and deep feelings
• is open-ended (there is no final, definitive answer)
• results in the creation of additional questions
• is tied to essential understandings and key ideas of a discipline

APPLYING THE CRITERIA – As a group, choose two or three of the questions that are posted on the screen. Discuss how these questions do or do not meet the criteria. Jot down some general observations about the inquiry questions.

BUMPING UP THE QUESTIONS – As a group take one or two of the questions you assessed and bump them up – use the criteria to create effective inquiry questions.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS – In the middle circle write down one of the inquiry questions your group worked on. Then in each of the rectangles write down an additional question that is generated from the initial question.