

## Characteristics of Essential Questions

1. Not easy to answer. Can't just look up the answer in 5 minutes. You must create the answer by analyzing and evaluating your research and deciding for your self.
2. Spark your curiosity. Come from your own passions and interests.
3. Raise other important questions. Answering sub-questions will help lead to answers.
4. Require higher level thinking skills (analyze, evaluate, synthesize). Often ask "how?" or "why" rather than "who?" or "when?"