A SHORT LIST OF CRITICAL THINKING “STEM” QUESTIONS

Adapted from Karen Nelson’s “62 Great Critical Thinking Questions”
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<th><strong>WHO</strong></th>
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| - Caused_______?  
- Was the most important character?  
- Should have_______?  
- Is affected by this?  
- Would benefit?  | - Would / could / should ?  
- Is the point of ?  
- Does_____mean?  
- Is the problem ?  
- Is a better way ?  | - Can you get more information ?  
- Would you find this problem ?  
- Could you find a solution ?  | - Is this a problem ?  
- Did that happen ?  
- Is this important ?  
- Did the character ____________?  
- Did the author decide to ____________?  | - Can you give me an example of ________?  
- Do you agree or disagree with__________?  
- Could this be thought of (interpreted) in a different way ?  
- Can you defend the actions of__________?  
- Can you compare (same) this situation with__________?  
- Can you contrast (different) this situation with__________?  |
| **WHEN** | **HOW** |
| - Did the change happen ?  
- Is this (un)acceptable ?  
- Is the time to stop ?  | - Would you solve the problem ~ the same or differently ?  
- Would you use__________?  
- Could the story end differently ?  
- Would you feel about_______?  |