

Guidelines for Questioning

The learning in the seminar occurs based on the kinds of questions asked. Keep these guidelines in mind for questions.

- develop opening, core, and closing questions before the seminar so that you are prepared to keep the discussion going if necessary
- be sure your questions are void of judgment and derived from the text
- ask questions that raise questions
- avoid using YES/NO questions
- ask hypothetical and complex questions
- ask questions in which there are no right or wrong answers
- continue to ask “Why?” or to probe the responses of the participants with further questioning
- allow yourself to both guide the discussion with your questioning but to go with it as well