

Costa's Levels of Questioning: Social Studies

LEVEL 1

What information is given?

What are you being asked to find?

When did the event take place?

Point to the...

List the...

Name the...

Where did...?

What is...?

Who was/were...?

Make a map of...

LEVEL 2

What would happen to you if...?

Can you see other relationships that will help you find this information?

Would you have done the same thing as...?

What occurs when...?

If you were there, would you...?

How would you solve this problem in your life?

Compare and contrast _____ to _____.

What other ways could _____ be interpreted?

What things would you have used to...?

What is the main idea in this piece (event)?

What information supports your explanation?

What was the message in this event?

Explain the concept of...?

Give me an example of...?

Describe in your own words what _____ means.

LEVEL 3

Design a _____ to show...

Predict what will happen to _____ as _____ is changed.

What would it be like to live...?

Write a new ending to the event.

Describe the events that might occur if...?

Pretend you are...

What would the world be like if...?

How can you tell if your analysis is reasonable?

What do you think will happen to _____? Why?

What significance is this event in the global perspective?

What is most compelling to you in this _____? Why?

Do you feel _____ is ethical? Why or why not?