Bloom’s Taxonomy Question Stems

**Knowledge “What’s”**

• What happened after . . .?

• How many . . .?

• Who was it that . . .?

• Can you name the . . .?

• Described what happened at . . .?

• Who spoke to . . .?

• Can you tell why . . .?

• Find the meaning of . . .?

• What is . . .?

• Which is true or false . . .?

**Comprehension “Why’s”**

• Can you write in your own words . . .?

• Can you write a brief outline . . .?

• What do you think might happen next . . .?

• Who do you think . . .?

• What was the main idea . . .?

• Who was the key character . . .?

• Can you distinguish between . . .?

• What differences exist between . . .?

• Can you provide an example of what you mean?

• Can you provide a definition for . . .?

**Application “How’s”**

• Do you know another instance where . . .?

• Could this have happened in . . .?

• Can you group by characteristics such as . . .?

• What factors would you change if . . .?

• Can you apply the method used to some experience of your own . . .?

• What questions would you ask of . . .?

• From the information given, can you develop a set of instructions about . . .?

• Would this information be useful if you had a . . .?

**Analysis “Explain’s”**

• Which events could have happened . . .?

• If . . . happened, what might the ending have been?

• How was this similar to . . .?

• What was the underlying theme of . . .?

• What do you see as other possible outcomes?

• Why did . . . changes occur?

• Can you compare your . . . with that presented in.?

• Can you explain what must have happened when?

• How is . . . similar to . . .?

• What are some of the problems of . . .?

• Can you distinguish between . . .?

• What were some of the motives behind . . .?

• What was the turning point in the game . . .?

• What was the problem with . . .?

**Synthesis “What if’s”**

• Can you design a . . . to . . .?

• Why not compose a song about . . .?

• Can you see a possible solution to . . .?

• If you had access to all resources how would you deal with . . .?

• Why don’t you devise your own way to deal with?

• What would happen if . . .?

• How many ways can you . . .?

• Can you create new and unusual uses for . . .?

• Can you write a new recipe for a tasty dish?

• Can you develop a proposal which would . . .?

**Evaluation “Why not’s”**

• Is there a better solution to . . .?

• Judge the value of . . .?

• Can you defend your position about . . .?

• Do you think . . . is a good or a bad thing?

• How would you have handled . . .?

• What changes to . . . would you recommend?

• Are you a . . . person?

• How would you feel if . . .?

• How effective are . . .?

• What do you think about . . .?