

Teacher Reflection

Video 5: Questions About Questions

Before the Video

The focus of this video is to learn how teachers may engage students in *metacognition*: thinking about thinking. They are exploring “questions about questions” as they initiate investigations in class.

When a teacher builds a collaborative learning community, she asks the students questions such as

“What do you think?”

“How do you know that?”

“Tell me about your work or idea.”

The teacher engages students in questioning and values each child’s contributions while modeling a sense of wonder and exploration. The teacher also encourages the students to think about their thinking and supports skill development so the students may explore their questions.

Questions lead to investigations. Investigations lead to assessments.

During the Video

How does the teacher help the students learn the value of questions?

What are the discoveries about questions—and questioning?

How does the teacher help the students learn how questions lead to investigations?

After the Video

How do metacognition discussions help support the student throughout his or her academic career in school? in life?

How might a metacognition discussion help your students?