



Key Advice

Thought-provoking prompt questions

Please note, this list can be expanded upon to fit the particular educational context.

Identifying a topic:

- What academic questions or societal problems have you discussed or studied during the [development period] that inspired or frustrated you? Why?
- If you have been able to personally pick the subject for your academic research during the [development period]: why did you pick this subject? Why does it interest you?
- What personal changes or transitions have you experienced throughout the [development period]? How has that affected you? Is there one in particular?
- How can you best describe your experience with group work/collaboration during the [development period]?

Further shaping your topic:

- What is your take on this topic? Why is it a good metaphor for your personal development?
- To what extent should others be interested in this topic as well? Why/why not?
- Does this topic, as a metaphor, aid you in making choices or setting goals for your future personal development? How?