**DHS Writing Center Question Database**

Use this list that your fellow writing center tutors put together to help you use primarily questions to guide your tutorial.

* **Understanding the prompt**
  + Do you understand what the prompt is asking you to do?
  + What is the prompt saying?
  + Can you give me some background of the piece?
  + Can you explain the prompt in your own words?
  + Why did you choose…?
  + What do you think the prompt is asking you to do?
  + What have you been discussing in class?
* **Brainstorming/Idea generation**
  + What is your opinion? Why do you think that?
  + So this happened… in the book/text. Is there parts of the book that stood out that you can relate to the prompt?
  + What do you need most help with?
  + Why do you think you came to the Writing Center?
  + What are you most/ least confident about?
* **Finding evidence to support a claim**
  + Did you make any key notes throughout the novel?
  + What scene shows this?
  + What part of the book reminds you of the claim?
  + Was there anything that proved/made you think about your thesis?
  + Why did you choose this passage/quote?
  + What claim are you trying to make?
* **Analyzing/Explaining evidence**
  + Is there any way other that this piece of evidence could be interpreted?
  + From this quote, what can you conclude about the passage?
  + How does your quote show what you’re trying to say?
  + How does this prove/ tie in to your thesis?
  + Does this answer the prompt?
  + Why did you choose this quote?
  + Can you explain what this quote is saying?
  + How can you relate this quote back to your thesis?
* **Writing a conclusion**
  + Did you refer back to the thesis?
  + How can we tie this all together?
  + How can we summarize the main points?
  + How can we relate this to modern society?
  + How will this be memorable for your reader?
* **Writing a hook sentence**
  + Would you read the rest of this sentence?
  + What is something interesting/relevant to your topic?
* **Word choice & stylistic choices**
  + How would your intended audience feel about your word choice?
  + Why did you use this word?
  + What do you want to convey in this sentence?
  + What kind of words remind you of the character, tone, and theme?
  + Can you restate… back to me?
  + How can we say this differently?
  + If you take out… does it make sense?
  + What are some synonyms for… words?