**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?