1.  **Describe** - Look closely - Describe what you see. (including color, shape, size (if applicable) How would you describe the issue/topic?

2. **Compare -** To what it is similar to or different from? In what ways?

3. **Analyze -** What is it made of? What are the component parts? How would you break the problem/issue into smaller parts?

4. **Apply -** Tell how it can be used or how it works. How does it help you understand other topics/issues?

5. **Synthesize -** What related thing or issue does it make you think of? Or what could you create by combining it with something else? How would you design a new version of it?

6. **Argue for/against it -** Take a stand and support it. Tell why it is a positive or why it is a negative thing. Or tell why it is important to know about this.