Sample Depth & Complexity Question Prompts

Considering the way in which you solved this problem, how was it similar to other problems we've worked? How was it different?

Why would [insert character] want [insert thing or outcome] and [insert character] would not?

Which details would [insert character] be most likely to leave out when he/she retold this story to make him/herself look better than he/she really is?

What are the pros and cons to living in a country that is considered the land of opportunity? Which are the most important pros and cons to having a state with unicameral legislature from the perspective of the legislature itself?

Think of three words in the problem that are the most likely to be misunderstood? Choose one and write a definition for it that you think will be most likely to help someone who has never heard that word understand it. Give your definition to a friend without telling him/her the word and have him/her guess the word and rate your definition on a scale of 1-10.

In what ways did the weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation necessitate the drafting of the Constitution? Of those weaknesses, pick the one you think was most likely to impact the country for the longest period of time and create a single Google slide demonstrating your reasoning using no more than 15 words and two images.

Whose ideas were best for the new nation, Jefferson's or Hamilton's? How would an artist represent the core difference between their ideas? Write a short blurb like you'd find in a newspaper describing an art installation with that theme.

Describe the difference between a community and an ecosystem. Draft three versions of your explanation: one for a sixth-grader, one for an adult non-scientist, and one for your AP Biology teacher.

Think of three positive consequences if WWII had lasted one year longer in the European theater. Create a WWII-type poster (e.g., "Loose lips sink ships") promoting one of your consequences.

Compare the steps in the scientific method to the order of operations. Create a double bubble map illustrating your comparison.

Create a six-line dialogue exchange between the character of Emily in *Our Town* and narrator Nick Carraway in *Gatsby* that illustrates the different core values of the characters.