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**What comes to mind when you hear the words “displacement” and “belonging”?**

**Jot down your ideas in the space below. Find a clear way to organize your ideas.**

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***What is Inquiry?***

Inquiry based learning is a form of active **learning** that starts by posing questions, problems or scenarios—rather than simply presenting established facts or portraying a smooth path to knowledge.

Instructions: Fill in the **? blanks** with the appropriate response.

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| **Question:** | **Problem with the question:** | **Better version of a question:** |
| ***Why should women rule the world?*** | **It is judgmental as it assumes women should rule the world.** | **What defines a strong leader?** |
| *What is the meaning of life?* | ? | How can we be happier? |
| *How do we know if Romeo really loves Juliet?* | Too narrow since it deals with only one text. | ? |
| *What is the fastest car ever built?* | It is not open-ended and is too narrow. It is not worth deeper thinking, because one can “Google” the answer. | ? |
| *How can life be fairer?* | Too big to answer! | What does it mean to truly forgive? |
| *Why is rap the best form of music?* | ? | How can music affect lives? |
| *Why should aquariums not house whales?* | The student already knows the answer to this question. | What role, if any, should aquariums have in today’s society? |
| *Where is the coldest place on Earth?* | ? | Why are people attracted to Earth’s extreme locations? |

**The best inquiry questions are:**

1. Open-ended: You shouldn’t be able to answer the question with a few simple words or a “yes” or “no.” The answer should require reasons and explanations.
2. Worth deeper thinking: You shouldn’t already know the answer to the question. You should genuinely wonder about this because it is relevant and meaningful to *you!*
3. Just the right size: The question shouldn’t be so big that you have to do a year of research to answer it. Nor should the question be so narrow that it can be answered by only using one text.
4. Non-judgmental: There shouldn’t be any assumptions or opinions hidden in the question.

***Before* we begin our unit, create a list of “E.Q.s” or essential questions in relation to the class topic(s). Can you come up with any responses?**

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| **Some possible essential questions before we begin our unit… Record and elaborate in the box below.** |
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