**Writing Good Seminar Questions**

**Opening Questions**

A good opening question in a seminar:

* Arises from a genuine curiosity on the part of the leader and/or participants
* Has no single right answer
* Is framed to generate discussion leading to greater understanding of the ideas in the text
* Can best be answered by references (explicit or implicit)

**Stem Questions to Help You Dialogue**

**Agree/Disagree:**

Has anyone had a similar experience?

Who has a different opinion?

**Clarification**

I’m not sure I understand ….

Tell me more about….

Do you see gaps in my reasoning…

**Support Questions**

Can you give me an example of…

Where in the story…

What would be a good reason…

What is your evidence for….

**Point of View**

How might he/she have felt…

What do you think he/she was thinking when…

Do you have a different interpretation…

How did you arrive at your point of view…

**Personal Experience**

What would you do in that situation

Has anything like that ever happened to you

In what way are you alike or different….