**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….