

## Identifying Essential Questions and Understandings

### Topics and Big Ideas

What essential questions are raised by this idea or topic?  
What, *specifically*, about the idea or topic do you want students to come to understand?

*Why study \_\_\_\_\_? So what?*

*What makes the study of \_\_\_\_\_ universal?*

*If the unit on \_\_\_\_\_ is a story, what's the moral of the story?*

*What's the Big Idea implied in the skill or process of \_\_\_\_\_?*

*What larger concept, issue, or problem underlies \_\_\_\_\_?*

*What couldn't we do if we didn't understand \_\_\_\_\_?*

Essential Questions:

Understandings: