

## BFF QUESTIONS

Questions that will be your Best Friends Forever to encourage wonder, exploration, discussion, and reflection.

### Invitation Questions

- What have you heard about \_\_\_\_\_?
- Describe an experience you've had with \_\_\_\_\_?

### Exploration Questions

- What do you notice?
- What do you wonder?
- What does it remind you of?
- How might you explain this?
- How is that similar/different than \_\_\_\_\_?

and...

- Any question you (the instructor) don't already know the answer to!

### Discussion Questions

- What makes you think that?
- Can you say more about that?
- What's your evidence?
- How can you be more sure?
- Do you agree/disagree with what \_\_\_\_\_ just said?

and...

- Any question you don't already know the answer to!

### Reflection Questions

- What helped you to learn?
- What surprised you?
- Did any of your ideas change during this activity?
- What made your ideas change?
- How might you explain or show some of what you learned in this activity to a family member?
- What questions do you still have about \_\_\_\_\_?

**Note:** Some of these categories match up nicely with phases of the Learning Cycle (addressed in the BEETLES Teaching & Learning professional learning session). The Learning Cycle phases are: Invitation, Exploration, Concept Invention, Application, and Reflection. BFF questions are questions that can be used in many contexts, but Concept Invention and Application questions tend to be too topic-specific for a list such as this. See Broad Questions handout for examples of specific concept invention and application questions. Discussion questions can be used in any phase when there's discussion going on, including Concept Invention.

