DEPTH-OF-KNOWLEDGE QUESTION STEMS

DOK 1	DOK 2
• Can you recall?	Can you explain how affected?
When did happen?	How would you apply what you learned to
• Who was?	develop?
How can you recognize?	How would you compare?
• What is?	• Contrast?
How can you find the meaning of?	How would you classify?
• Can you recall?	How arealike? Different?
• Can you select?	 How would you classify the type of?
How would you write?	What can you say about?
What might you include on a list about?	How would you summarize?
• Who discovered?	How would you summarize?
What is the formula for?	 What steps are needed to edit?
• Can you identify ?	 When would you use an outline to?
How would you describe?	How would you estimate?
	How could you organize?
	 What would you use to classify?
	What do you notice about?
DOK 3	DOK 4
How is related to?	Write a thesis, drawing conclusions from
What conclusions can you draw?	multiple sources.
 How would you adaptto create a 	Design and conduct an experiment.
• different?	Gather information to develop alternative
How would you test?	explanations for the results of an experiment.
 Can you predict the outcome if? 	Write a research paper on a topic.
What is the best answer? Why?	Apply information from one text to another text
• What conclusion can be drawn from these three	to develop a persuasive argument.
texts?	What information can you gather to support
What is your interpretation of this text?	your idea about?
Support your rationale.	DOK 4 would most likely be the writing of a
 How would you describe the sequence 	research paper or applying information from one
• of?	text to another text to develop a persuasive
 What facts would you select to 	argument.
• support?	DOK 4 requires time for extended thinking.
Can you elaborate on the reason?	
What would happen if?	
Can you formulate a theory for?	
How would you test?	
• Can you elaborate on the reason ?	

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