

Asking Good Questions

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Having students ask their own questions as they learn and then again during study is an effective learning technique. This is a deep art and worth professor time to develop as a classroom method. Here are a few tips:

- Have students write down questions before they read their textbook, having only read the headings and bolded terms in the chapter (see: active reading techniques).
- Have students generate questions as they read and write them in the textbook margins to return to and see if they can answer them after finishing the chapter.
- Have students write a few questions they think will be on the exam and see if they can answer them.
- When students are allowed a research project, help them generate original questions they are invested in.
- Attend the MTC CTE's Question Formulation Technique workshops when they're offered!