**What is Socratic Questioning Information Sheet**  
**Definition**

‘Socratic questioning is learning-centred approach that challenges a person to develop their critical thinking skills and engage in analytic discussion which leads to independent learning and thinking. This form of questioning can be used to explore ideas, to get to the root of things, to uncover assumptions, and to analyse complex concepts. This type of questioning usually focuses on fundamental concepts, principles, theories, issues or problems.’

Source: Kwantlen Polytechnic University (n.d.) *Critical Thinking Through Socratic Questioning*. Available at: <https://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/Learning%20Centres/Question_Critical_LA_0.pdf>(Accessed: 6 December 2019)

**Socratic Questioning Prompts**

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| **Questions for Clarification** |
| Why do you say that? |
| What do you mean by ...? |
| How does this relate to our discussion? |

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| **Questions that probe assumptions** |
| What could we assume instead? |
| How can we verify or disprove that assumption? |
| On what basis do we think this way? |