

Develop Thinking Skills

- Multiple answers allow more students to actively participate.
- Thinking out loud encourages others to stay tuned in.
- Unstructured wait time creates enhanced discussions.
- Creative answers emerge; less important data drops away.
- Risk-taking increases.
- Students, not adults “drive” the discussion.
- Misbehavior decreases because students are actively involved.
- Students stay focused longer.
- Unusual questions and ideas surface and are treated with respect.
- Increased discussion stimulates subject-specific vocabulary.
- Curiosity and interest in the topic increases.