

## Compelling Questions from NYS Toolkit

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes holidays special?</li> <li>• Is everyone unique?</li> <li>• Can we ever get everything we need or want?</li> <li>• Are all rules good rules?</li> <li>• Why do I have to be responsible?</li> <li>• Which is better, a map or a globe?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What choices do we make with our money?</li> <li>• How can families be the same and different?</li> <li>• What do family stories tell us about the past?</li> <li>• Can my life fit on a map?</li> <li>• Is the president the most important person in the government?</li> <li>• Why should I be a global citizen?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we have to have rules?</li> <li>• What makes me become me?</li> <li>• How do we shape our environment?</li> <li>• What symbol best represents the United States?</li> <li>• How would our lives be different if we lived in a different kind of community?</li> <li>• If we live in the present, why should we care about the past?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do people around the world care about children's rights?</li> <li>• How does our culture make us similar and different?</li> <li>• Where are we?</li> <li>• Is sharing and trading across cultures always a good thing?</li> <li>• Why do countries need each other?</li> <li>• Does it matter how leaders are chosen?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What's the real story behind the purchase of Manhattan?</li> <li>• Does where you live matter?</li> <li>• Did industrialization make life better for everyone in New York?</li> <li>• Did the American Dream come true for immigrants who came to New York?</li> <li>• Why does New York have a state snack?</li> <li>• What did it take for women to be considered 'equal' to men in New York?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the real cost of bananas?</li> <li>• What makes a complex society complex?</li> <li>• Should Puerto Rico be a state?</li> <li>• How did sugar feed slavery?</li> <li>• Did the French lose out in North America?</li> <li>• Why do countries declare independence?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the development of agriculture good for humans?</li> <li>• Can disease change the world?</li> <li>• Are the Olympics about more than sports?</li> <li>• Does religious freedom exist?</li> <li>• Was the Caliphate of Córdoba success?</li> <li>• Did Chinese and Romans know each other?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why did the Pilgrim–Wampanoag friendship go so wrong?</li> <li>• Can words lead to war?</li> <li>• Was it destiny to move west?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be equal?</li> <li>• Is compromise always fair?</li> <li>• Was the American Revolution avoidable?</li> </ul>

<b>Grade 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was American expansion abroad justified?</li> <li>• Is greed good?</li> <li>• Was the New Deal a good deal?</li> <li>• Is protest patriotic?</li> <li>• Were the suburbs good for America?</li> <li>• Should freedom be sacrificed in the name of national security?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did Emperor Shi Huangdi improve China?</li> <li>• Did the printing press preserve the past or invent the future?</li> <li>• How 'magnificent' was Suleiman?</li> <li>• What do the buried secrets of Tenochtitlán tell us about the Aztecs?</li> <li>• Did the Roman Empire fall?</li> <li>• Should we call it the "Silk Road"?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the French Revolution successful?</li> <li>• What ended apartheid?</li> <li>• How did the Industrial Revolution move people?</li> <li>• Does development mean progress?</li> <li>• Can peace lead to war?</li> <li>• Do the Boxers deserve a bad rap?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What made nonviolent protest effective during the civil rights movement?</li> <li>• Why was the US on the winning side of World War II?</li> <li>• How should the president foster economic opportunity?</li> <li>• Did the Constitution establish a just government?</li> <li>• Does it matter who freed the slaves?</li> <li>• Is anything new about today's immigration policy debate?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 12 Economics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should we do about the gender wage gap?</li> <li>• Does it matter what I want to be when I grow up?</li> <li>• Who's to blame for the Great Recession?</li> <li>• Should corporations have a conscience?</li> <li>• How could Americans be any happier?</li> <li>• Is free trade worth the price?</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 12 Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is the Affordable Care Act so controversial?</li> <li>• Does money matter in political campaigns?</li> <li>• Who has the power?</li> <li>• Are students protected by the First Amendment?</li> <li>• Do any political parties represent me?</li> <li>• Am I going to vote?</li> </ul>