## IOWA

## **Questions to Prompt Metacognitive Processing**

| Planning  | Monitoring   | Evaluating  |
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| What are the goals of the class session going to be?  | What insights am I having as I<br>experience this class session? What<br>confusions?                 | What was today's class session<br>about? Can I explain the material to<br>someone else?                               |
| What do I already know about this topic?  | What questions are arising for me during the class session? Am I writing them down somewhere?        | What did I hear today that is in conflict with my prior understanding?  |
| How could I best prepare for the class session?   | How could I make this material personally relevant?  | How did the ideas of today's class<br>session relate to previous class<br>sessions?                                   |
| What questions do I already have<br>about this topic that I want to find out<br>more about?   | Can I distinguish important<br>information from details? If not, how<br>will I figure this out?      | What do I need to actively go and do<br>now to get my questions answered<br>and my confusions clarified?              |
| What is the instructor's goal in having me do this task?  | What strategies am I using that are working well or not working well to help me learn?               | To what extent did I successfully accomplish the goals of the task?   |
| What are all the things I need to do to successfully accomplish this task?  | What other resources could I be using to complete this task? What action should I take to get these? | To what extent did I use resources available to me?   |
| What resources do I need to complete<br>the task? How will I make sure I have<br>them?  | What is most challenging for me about this task? Most confusing?                                     | If I were the instructor, what would I identify as strengths of my work and flaws in my work?                         |
| How much time do I need to complete the task?   | What could I do differently mid-<br>assignment to address these<br>challenges and confusions?        | When I do an assignment or task like<br>this again, what do I want to<br>remember to do differently?                  |
| If I have done something like this before, how could I do a better job this time?   | To what extent am I being systematic<br>in my studying of all the material for<br>the exam?          | What about my preparation worked well that I should remember to do next time?   |
| What strategies will I use to study<br>(e.g., study groups, problem sets,<br>evaluating text figures, practice<br>quizzes, going to office hours and<br>review sessions)? | To what extent am I taking advantage<br>of all the learning supports available to<br>me?             | What did not work so well that I should<br>not do next time or that I should<br>change?                               |
| How much time do I plan on studying?<br>Over what period of time and for how<br>long each time do I need to study?  | Am I struggling with my motivation to<br>study? If so, do I remember why I am<br>taking this course? | What questions did I not answer<br>correctly? Why? How did my answer<br>compare with the suggested correct<br>answer? |
| Which aspects of the course material should I spend more or less time on, based on my current understanding?  | Which confusions remain and how am<br>I going to get them clarified?                                 | What questions did I not answer<br>correctly? Why? What confusions do I<br>have that I still need to clarify?         |

