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QFocus In Process Example #1

Context: 1st Grade. Start of the year, start of the first unit, “Getting to Know Each Other Better”. The purpose is to give students practice asking questions and using the QFT protocol; this also gives them a chance to ask the teacher “get to know you” questions. Next week, students will focus on learning about each other.

QFocus: A specific picture of 2 teachers, Miss H. and Mrs. A.

Student Questions:

Class #1 (Miss H’s class)

Are you happy?
How do you know stuff?
Why is there 2 teachers?
What is in the background?
Why did you take this picture?
What room are you in?
Who is that?
Does she have a sunburn?
Why do you not have sunglasses?
Why do you have different shirts?
Why do you have different color hair?
Do you have different eye colors?
Is Miss H. not excited?
Why do you have a tank top?

Class #2 (Mrs. A’s class)

Whose room are you in?
Whose computers are those?
Who is taking the picture?
Whose camera is it?
Who is in the picture?
Whose table is that?
Does Mrs. A. have earrings in?
Whose sunglasses are those?
Whose windows are they?
Did Mrs. A get a haircut?
What are you doing there?
Is Mrs. A. wearing a tank top?
Is Mrs. A. wearing shorts or pants?
What does Miss H’s shirt say?
Does Mrs. A. have words on her shirt?
What color eyes do you have?

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QFocus in Progress Example #2

Context: 4th Grade. At the start of a multi-week Project Based Learning (PBL) unit on different systems in the body (for ex, circulatory, digestive, muscular)

QFocus: “Systems”

Student Questions:

1. What are systems?
1. What does systems mean?
2. Who created systems?
3. Are systems good or bad?
4. What do systems do?
5. Can you create a system?
6. When was the first systems made?
7. Why are systems important?

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QFocus in Process Example #3:

Context: Designed for a 6th grade class to engage students and elicit questions they had related to their first few days of middle school. (image is of their middle school building)

QFocus:



Student Questions:

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| 1. Why does it look so old? | 10. Why are we being fit into one building? |
| 2. Why does the school have a Fallout Zone? | 11. When was the school made? |
| 3. Why is there a flag hanging upside down? | 12. How much money did it cost to build it? |
| 4. How old is the building? | 13. Why does it look like so many parts put together? |
| 5. Why are the classrooms numbered? | 14. What is that white thing on top? |
| 6. How many acres does it take up? | 15. Why does it have 2 chimneys? |
| 7. Why are there so many windows? | 16. What is the point of lockers? |
| 8. Why is there 4 big pillars at the front? | 17. Who was the first principal? |
| 9. What is the big tower at the top? | 18. Who is the boss of the superintendents? |

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QFocus In Process #4:

Context: with a group of world language teachers at a professional development session to introduce the Question Formulation Technique.

QFocus: (this painting →)



Participant Questions (have been translated to English):

Que artista pinto?	Who painted this?
Cómo se siente?	How does she feel?
Por qué hay animales → hay animales?	Why are there animals (O) → Are there animals (C)
Por qué los gatos no comen el pájaro?	Why don't the cats eat the bird?
Por qué está triste?	Why is she sad?
Por qué es pálido?	Why is she pale?
Cómo se sienten los animales o gatos?	How do the animals or cats feel?
En qué piensan los gatos?	What are the cats thinking about?
Dónde está?	Where is it?
Qué celebra?	What are they celebrating?
Por qué sólo un pájaro come?	Why is only the bird eating?
Qué come?	What is it eating?
Puedes comparar la expresión de los gatos a los pájaros?	Can you compare the expression of the cats to the birds?
Por qué tiene una correa?	Why does the bird have a letter?
Cuántos pájaros hay?	How many birds are there?

