

## **SAMPLE SENTENCE STEMS HANDOUT**

For developing essay questions for *Dyadic Essays*

- Explain why (or explain how) ...?
- Why is...important?
- How are... and ...similar?
- How does ... contrast with ...?
- How is ... related to ...?
- What do you think causes ...and why?
- What is the solution to the problem of ...?
- What evidence can you present for/against...?
- Why is ... significant? Explain your reasoning.
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of ...?
- What is the point or 'big idea' of ...?
- How could you judge the accuracy of ...?
- Describe ... from the perspective of ....
- When might ... be most useful and why?
- How could you create or design a new...? Explain your thinking.
- What solutions could you suggest the problem of ...? Which might be most effective and why?
- What might happen if you combined ... and ...?
- What information would you need to make a decision about ...?
- How could you prioritize ...?
- What makes ... important?
- What criteria could you use to assess ...?
- How could ... and ... function together? How do they work separately and together and different ways?
- Which details of ... are most important and why?
- What patterns do you notice in ...?
- How is ... an example of ...?
- What are the most important parts or features of ...?
- How would you classify ...?