

Intellectual Standards and Focus Questions

	excellent	very good	good	fair	N/A
Clarity					
Accuracy					
Precision					
Relevance					
Depth					
Breadth					
Logic					
Significance					
Fairness					

CLARITY *Is further elaboration needed? Are examples given? Is what is meant illustrated or described?*

ACCURACY *How could we check on that? How could we find out if that is true? How could we verify or test that?*

PRECISION *Is more specificity needed? Could more details be given?*

RELEVANCE *How does that relate to the problem? How does that bear on the question? How does that help us with the issue?*

DEPTH *What factors make this a difficult problem? What are some of the complexities of this question? What are some of the difficulties we need to deal with?*

BREADTH *Do we need to look at this from another perspective? Do we need to consider another point of view? Do we need to look at this in other ways?*

LOGIC *Does all this make sense together? Does the first paragraph fit in with the last? Does what is said follow from the evidence?*

SIGNIFICANCE *Is this the most important problem to consider? Is this the central idea to focus on? Which of these facts are most important?*

FAIRNESS *Does the author/publisher have any vested interest in this issue? Are other viewpoints fairly represented?*

