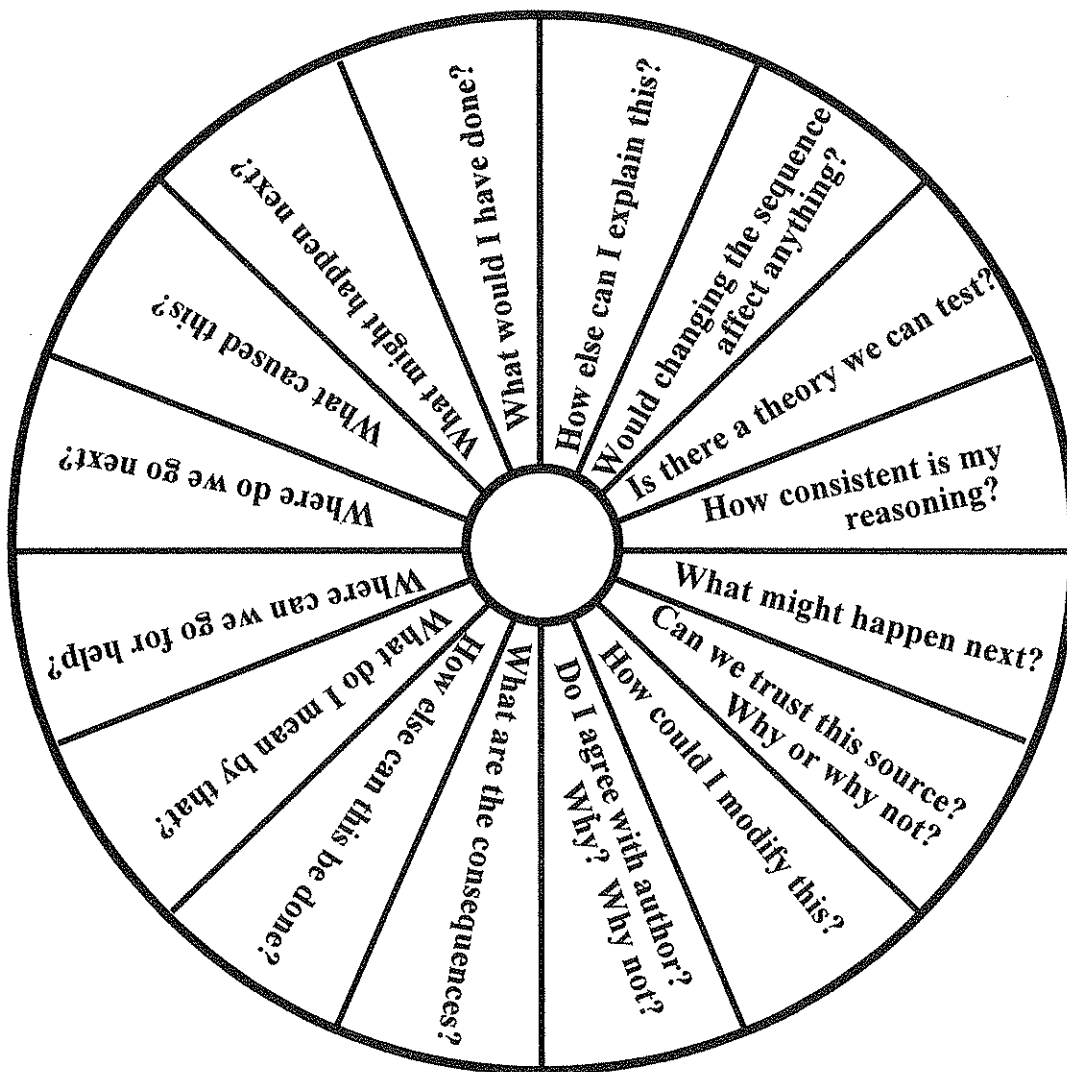


CREATIVE THINKING THROUGH QUESTIONING—Continued

The Question Spinner. Here is a tool to promote creative questioning. Make a copy of this page. Cut out the arrow. Insert a paper fastener through the white dot on the arrow and through the center of the inner circle. A student spins the arrow and answers the indicated question.



APPLICATIONS



CREATIVE THINKING THROUGH QUESTIONING

Open-ended questions are effective for encouraging creative thinking because they rarely have one answer and they stimulate further inquiry. They ask for clarification, probe for assumptions, search for reasons and evidence, and look for implications and consequences. Here are a few examples of these types of questions:

What would you have done? Why do think this is the best choice?

Could this ever really happen? What might happen next?

What do you think might happen if ... ? What do you think caused this?

Is what you are saying now consistent with what you said before?

How is it different from ...? Can you give an example?

Where do we go next? Where could we go for help on this?

What do you mean by that expression?

Can we trust the source of this material?

In what other ways could this be done? How can you test this theory?

What might be the consequences of behaving like that?

Do you agree with this author/speaker? Why or why not?

How could you modify this? How would changing the sequence affect the outcome?