

Asking Questions

An important task:

Questions help us tackle the big ideas of Social Studies.

Through questioning we can:

- uncover new perspectives

- inspire fresh ideas

- find new and interesting information

The 5W + H Model

- Most of our questions follow the 5W + H model:
 - Who?
 - What?
 - Why?
 - When?
 - Where?
 - How?

What are you looking for? BE SPECIFIC

Turn to page 68 in your text:

- *Who was affected...*
- *Where did it happen most often...*
- *When did it happen...*

Types of Questions: factual and opinion

Factual questions require simple and straightforward answers

Who ate the last monster cookie?

Opinion questions may have more than one answer.

Why did the chicken cross the road?

3 Types of Research Questions:

- Causal: looks for the CAUSE of events
 - *What caused the increase of immigration to Upper Canada?*
- Comparative: makes comparisons
 - *How does life today compare to life for the colonists and the Aboriginal peoples in the 19th C?*
- Speculative: infers the answer
 - *How might life have been different if immigrants had not come to the colonies?*

Complete Questions 1 and 2 on your worksheet.

- Use the 5W + H model to develop your understanding of the struggle for reform in 19th Century BNA.
- BE SPECIFIC with your questions
 - E.g. not “who?” but perhaps, “who were the key players in the battle of St. Denis?” or “who were the moderate reformers in the rebellions of 1837?”