


Knowledge Questions and Frameworks.



Knowledge Questions

- These are questions about knowledge and form the basis of a good TOK presentation and Essay.
- They are usually connected to Knowledge Claims

Knowledge Claims

They are:

1. Claims that are made within particular AoKs or by individual knowers about the world. First-order.
2. Claims that are made about knowledge. These are second-order claims that are justified using the tools of TOK, and usually involve an examination of the nature of knowledge.

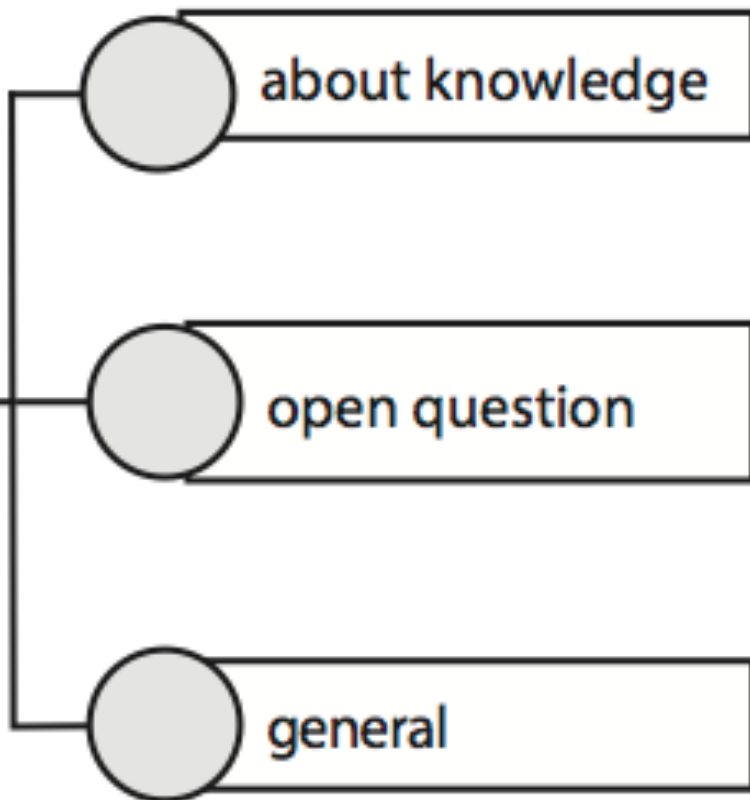
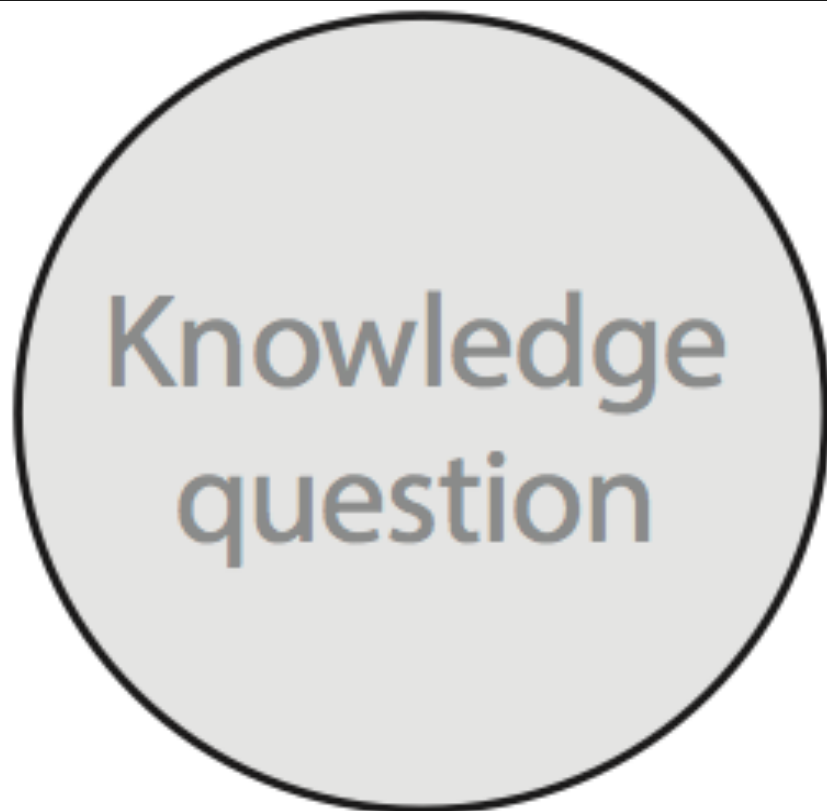
Examples

First Order: There are an infinite number of prime numbers. (AoK Mathematics using mathematical proof)

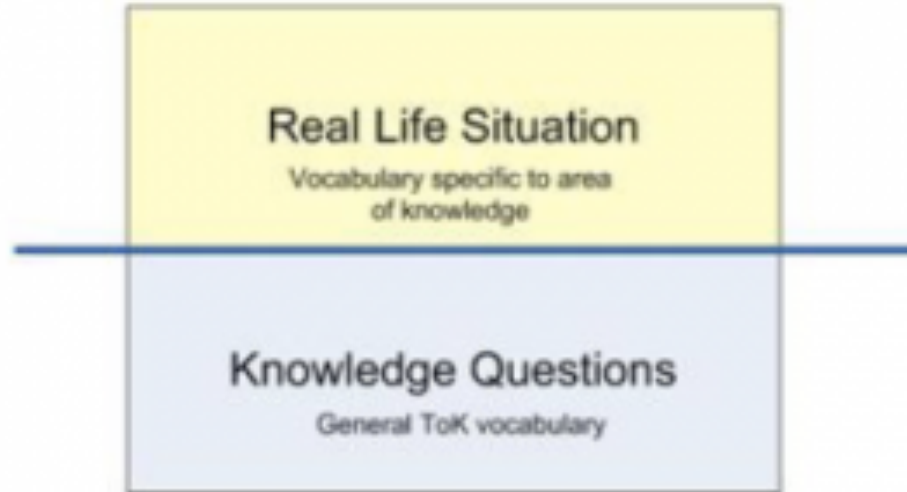
Second Order: Mathematical knowledge is certain. We use the tools of TOK to evaluate this claim.

Knowledge Questions

1. Questions about how knowledge is constructed, rather than content based.
2. Open ended and often have numerous answers. (the “It Depends” part of TOK that often makes you frustrated.
3. General rather than specific.



Must connect to RLS



Some Examples

- History: If many Historical Interpretations of an event exist, how can we ever be certain in History?
- Human Sciences: How effective are theories in Human Sciences at predicting the future?
- What is more important for an artist, talent or creativity?

Your Turn....

- Take one of the Knowledge Questions from the previous slide and think of a RLS that it can apply to.
- If you want to come up with a knowledge question that is not on the previous slide (from the same or different AOKs) go for it but tell your teacher.

You have 15 minutes

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Divide Class into 4 groups

- In your small groups share what you came up with.
- If you used one of the given questions share the RLS.
- If you made your own KQ, share it and both the RLS.

Pick the best

Each group pick the example that you feel was the “best” and and share all four with the class.

Knowledge Framework

- Usually in addressing Knowledge Questions in real life situations you will be asked to compare how they may appear in different AOKs.
- This is not done at random but according to a knowledge framework.

Knowledge framework

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Scope/applications

Concepts/language

Methodology

Historical development

Links to personal
knowledge

Back to your Groups

In the same groups as before explore what is meant by the first four components of a knowledge framework.

Scope/Application

Concepts/Language

Methodology

Historical Development

Guide

- You will have to look to the TOK guide that can be found [here](#)
- Info is on pages 29-32
- Try to put it all into your own words

Next class

A brief report back to the class on your findings.