

## Suggestions for Using Socratic Questioning

When using Socratic Questioning in your classroom, you may want to try the following:

- Plan your questions in advance. Consider the different directions in which the discussion may go and think about how you will word and sequence your questions.
- Provide an overview of Socratic Questioning in advance, so students know you will only be asking questions.
- Review a sample transcript of Socratic Questioning with students ahead of time, so they can become familiar with the nature and sequencing of questions. You might also try modeling a session of Socratic Questioning with one student (planned in advance) to introduce your class to the format.
- Think aloud for students as you lead the discussion, and ensure that any confusion is clarified (Paul & Elder, 2006).
- Regularly pause to summarize the discussion.