**Essential Question Template Ideas for PBL**

1. **How can \_\_\_\_\_\_ improve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How can studying flags improve our understanding of communities around the world? How can robotics improve the healthcare industry? How can access to clean water improve communities in developing nations?   
     
   **2. How can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be applied to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How can geometry skills be applied to cartography? How can economics be applied in our daily lives? How can ethics be applied to solve environmental problems?   
     
   **3. How can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ change \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How can individuals change their communities? How can fashion change culture? How can the human behavior change the environment?   
     
   **4. How would you design a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How would you design a new school? How would you design a new system to purify water? How would you design a new flag for your community?   
     
   **5. How does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ affect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How does immigration affect communities around the world? How does fake news affect our community? How does food affect our daily lives?   
     
   **6. What impact did/does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   What impact did humans have on the environment during the 20th century? What impact does war have on art? What impact did the media have on the 2016 U.S. Presidential election?   
     
     
   **7. What makes a good/effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   What makes a good flag? What makes an effective school?   
   What makes an effective robot?   
     
   **8. How do/does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impact my community?**  
   How does racism impact my community? How does the food grown in our region impact what people eat? How does geography impact my community?   
     
   **9. What is the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   What is the relationship between geometry and architecture? What is the relationship between economics and history? What is the relationship between transportation and trade?   
     
   **10. What would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   What would our school be without classrooms? What would the Earth’s climate be like without the atmosphere? What would the world be without art?   
     
   **11. If you were in charge of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, what would you change?**  
   If you were in charge of our school, what would you change? If you were in charge of our national parks, what would you change?   
   If you were in charge of Facebook, what would you change?   
     
   **12. How can you use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to inspire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How can you use poetry to inspire change?How can you use storytelling to inspire people take better care of the environment? How can you use science to inspire people to eat healthier food?   
     
   **13. What if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   What if you could go back in time, what would you change? What if America did not have a public school system? What if the world lost the internet for one year?   
     
     
   **14. How might your community change if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   How might your community change if it were twice as big? How might your community change if it rained everyday for a year?   
   How might your community change if every person were given $1 million?

15. OTHER:

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