

Question Cubes Activity

Grade Level: All

Time: 15 min.

Purpose: Questioning is an important skill for PA students to develop. Good questioning allows students to find issues and find ways to resolve issues. This questioning activity can be used throughout the PA process as a tool to stimulate creative and critical thinking, and for students to begin exploring and discovering issues.

Question Cubes can be used:

- To develop questions
- To reflect on material covered
- As a catalyst for small group discussion
- To stimulate further investigation

Materials: The two cubes can be made from any square object. One inch wooden blocks are ideal and can be ordered from http://www.woodnshop.com/crafts/wooden_blocks.htm. You can use different colored cubes or when using plain blocks, write the words on one cube in one color and the words on the other cube in a different color.

Write these words on the first cube:

What
Which
How
Why
Who
When/Where

Write these words on the second cube:

Might
Would
Will
Is
Can
Did

Procedure:

- 1) Activity #1: In small groups students will roll the cubes and propose a question about the PA material they have been exposed to. They can begin to think about issues that concern them. Have the team sit in a circle. If small groups are not possible, students could take turns sitting in the “inner circle” that is observed by the “outer circle” of students.
- 2) Activity #2: Students can use the cubes to generate questions to ask those they interview for research and those who come to class for the [common good](http://www.publicachievement.org/TeacherGuide/Lessons/WhoWorksForTheCommonGood.pdf) discussion.