

Webb's Depth of Knowledge

DOK Level 1—(Recall)

Verbs: use, define, label, illustrate, memorize, recognize, tell, state, repeat, quote, who, what, when, where, why, identify, arrange, find the meaning, describe

Focus: on specific facts, definitions, details, or procedures

Notes: There is only one correct answer.

DOK Level 3— (Strategic Thinking)

Verbs: revise, assess, develop a logical argument, critique, investigate, formulate a plan, select to support, differentiate, hypothesize, elaborate on reasons

Focus: on reasoning and planning in order to respond; on complex or abstract thinking; on defending reasoning or conclusions

Notes: There are multiple answers or approaches.

DOK Level 2—(Skill/ Concept)

Verbs: cause/effect, collect and display, distinguish, modify, interpret, summarize, explain, apply /show, organize, classify, compare, construct, predict, identify patterns, infer, make observations

Focus: on applying skills and concepts; on explaining how or why

Notes: There is only one correct answer.

DOK Level 4— (Extended Thinking)

Verbs: apply concepts, analyze, connect, create, critique, design, prove, synthesize

Focus: on complex reasoning, planning and thinking; on making real world applications in new situations

Notes: There are multiple answers or approaches and often requires extended

NOTE: A combination of questions at the same level does not raise it to the next level. Example: Three questions from Level 1 DOK does not make it a Level 2 DOK