NAVIGATE · CHAPTER 2

Surface to Deep

MY SURFACE QUESTION IS: _____

STEP 1
Is it surface?

Ask yourself:

- [ ] Can it be answered with **yes** or **no**?
- [ ] Can it be answered with a **single fact**?
- [ ] Can it be answered **without thinking**?

If the answer to any of these is yes, it is a surface question. Move to Step 2.

STEP 2
Pick a starter and rewrite

Try **two or three** of these starters:

→ **Why** (causes)

→ **How might** (perspectives)

→ **In what ways** (connections)

→ **Is it always true that** (assumptions)

→ **What if** (possibilities)

→ **What are we assuming when** (assumptions)

→ **Whose voice is missing from** (perspectives)

MY REWRITTEN QUESTION:

STEP 3
Push it outward

Connect your question to one of these:

- ◯ Something I already know
- ◯ Something in the real world today
- ◯ My own experience
- ◯ Another text I have read

MY CONNECTION:

My deep question is: _____

DOES IT PASS THE TEST?

- ◯ Cannot be answered without thinking
- ◯ Makes me genuinely curious
- ◯ Connects beyond the text