

BIG QUESTIONS

- What are the forces that shape law & justice? [generate 1 force and an example to animate]
- How is law relevant? [generate 1 idea and an example to animate]
- How does law influence & shape social realities? [generate 1 idea and an example to animate]

CORE 4 CONCEPTS OF LEGAL THINKING

1. Legal Significance — requires students to determine the importance of key legal principles, cases, social forces, and events in the evolution of law.

[generate 1 example of something that is/was legally significant]

2. Continuity & Change — requires students to analyze how and why law, the justice system, legal structures & practices, legal precedents, & legal agendas change over time.

[generate 1 example of a change in the law]

3. Interrelationships — requires students to consider how laws affect society & how society affects laws.

4. Legal Perspective — requires students to consider legal principles such as fairness, justice, equality, sovereignty, consent, self-determination, immunity, extradition, responsibility to protect, & the rule of law when analyzing a variety of legal issues, controversies, & cases — requires students to understand the role of law in balancing competing rights.

[generate 1 example of two legal rights in conflict with each other]

LEGAL THEORY FRAMING QUESTIONS

- Where does law get its *authority*?
- Why should we *follow* the law?
- When does law *apply*?
- What does *acting justly* look like?
- How do we *judge* wrongdoing?
- How do we decide what is *most important* when legal *concepts conflict*?