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# Elementary Thinking Prompts

## **Historical Significance:**

Why is X (person, event, development) important?  
What impact did X have at the time and how widely was it felt?  
How long did this impact last?  
What did X reveal about the community, the region or the country?  
Is X still remembered today? Why or why not?

## **Spatial Significance:**

Why is this place important?  
What are the key physical characteristics of this location?  
What are the advantages and disadvantages of this location?  
How have humans used this place and how are they using it today?  
What affects are they having on the environment?

## **Continuity and Change:**

What changed with X and what stayed the same?  
To what degree (or How much) did things change with X?  
In what ways were the changes positive and negative for different people?  
To what degree was this event a turning point?

## **Cause and Consequence:**

Why did X happen? or What were some of the possible reasons that X happened?  
How did X make a difference in the short term? In the long term?  
Were the consequences intended or unintended?  
Who had power at the time and who did not? Who took action and who did not and why?  
How has X changed our lives?

## **Perspective:**

How did different individuals or groups see X (event, action) at the time?  
How did different individuals or groups react to X (event, action)?  
Why did different individuals or groups have different points of view?

## **Patterns and Trends:**

What characteristics are similar between X and Y?  
What trends or patterns exist in X over the past Y years?  
What trends or patterns exist between Canada's relationships with Y over the years?

## **Interrelationships:**

How has settlement in X region affected the environment?  
How did X adapt to the physical environment they lived in?