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***WHAT EMOTION DO YOU FIND MOST
CHALLENGING TO EXPRESS, AND WHY?***



***WHAT IS THAT ONE PROBLEM YOU
WANT TO SOLVE IN THE WORLD?***



***HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU
HELP OTHERS?***



***WHAT'S THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SOURCE
OF HAPPINESS IN YOUR LIFE AND WHY?***



***RECALL A MOMENT WHEN YOU FELT A
BREAKTHROUGH IN UNDERSTANDING A
COMPLEX CONCEPT.***



WHAT DOES "I CAN" MAKE YOU FEEL?



WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL GRATEFUL?



***DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL WHEN
BALANCING CREATIVITY WITH
PRACTICALITY.***



***WHAT'S THE KINDEST THING SOMEONE
HAS EVER DONE FOR YOU?***



**WHAT EMOTIONS DO YOU EXPERIENCE
WHEN LEARNING FROM FAILURE IN A
PROJECT?**

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***IF YOU COULD DESIGN ANY
EDUCATIONAL TOOL, WHAT WOULD IT
BE AND WHY? WHERE WOULD YOU GO
AND WHY?***



***IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT
TECHNOLOGY; WHAT WOULD YOUR
DAILY LIFE LOOK LIKE?***



***IF YOU COULD COLLABORATE WITH
ANY EXPERT IN YOUR FIELD, WHO
WOULD IT BE AND WHY?***



***WHAT DOES YOUR IDEAL FUTURE
SOCIETY LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF
VALUES AND PRINCIPLES?***



***IMAGINE TRANSFORMING ANY PUBLIC
SPACE FOR BETTER COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT. WHAT CHANGES
WOULD YOU MAKE?***



***IF YOU COULD DEVELOP A MOBILE APP
THAT ADDRESSES A SOCIAL ISSUE,
WHAT WOULD IT BE?***



***IF YOU COULD MEET ANY HISTORICAL
FIGURE FOR A CONVERSATION, WHO
WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU
ASK THEM?***



***ONE DFC STORY THAT HAS
INSPIRED YOU?***



***HOW WOULD YOU TEACH EMPATHY
TO A CHILD?***



***IMAGINE A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT TO
SHOWCASE THE IMPACT OF EMPATHY
ON HUMAN CONNECTIONS. WHAT
WOULD YOU PLAN?***

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**DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN YOU HAD TO
PIVOT YOUR APPROACH MID-
PROJECT.**



**DESCRIBE A RECENT ACT OF
KINDNESS YOU PERFORMED FOR
SOMEONE ELSE.**



***WHAT STEPS CAN WE IMPLEMENT
TODAY TO BRING OUR IDEAS INTO
ACTION AND MAKE PROGRESS?***



***IN WHAT WAYS CAN WE BREAK DOWN
OUR OBJECTIVES INTO SMALLER,
ACTIONABLE TASKS?***



***HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO CRITICAL
FEEDBACK?***



***WHAT HANDS-ON ACTIVITY HELPED
SOLIDIFY A COMPLEX CONCEPT FOR
YOU?***



***HOW CAN WE TURN OUR GOALS INTO
ACTIONABLE PLANS WITH CLEAR,
ACHIEVABLE STEPS?***



***WHAT IMMEDIATE ACTIONS CAN WE
TAKE TO MOVE CLOSER TO OUR
DESIRED OUTCOME?***



***WHAT'S THE FIRST STEP WE NEED TO
TAKE RIGHT NOW TO INITIATE
POSITIVE CHANGE.***



***WHAT'S A SMALL DAILY HABIT THAT
HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT
ON YOUR LIFE?***

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***CAN YOU SHARE A PIECE OF
CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK THAT
SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED YOUR
WORK?***



**WHAT'S A DESIGN PRINCIPLE OR
EDUCATIONAL THEORY YOU FIND
PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL?**



**DESCRIBE A VALUABLE LESSON YOU'VE
LEARNED FROM A MENTOR / ROLE
MODEL / DFC STORY**



**HOW DO YOU LIKE TO CELEBRATE
YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
MILESTONES?**



**SHARE A PERSONAL TRADITION OR
RITUAL THAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU
OR YOUR FAMILY.**



***SHARE AN INSTANCE WHERE
INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING
ENHANCED YOUR DESIGN APPROACH.***



**DESCRIBE A MOMENT WHEN YOU FELT
A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING IN A
PARTICULAR GROUP OR COMMUNITY.**



**SHARE A STORY OF HOW EMPATHY
PLAYED A ROLE IN ONE OF YOUR
DESIGNS OR EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCES.**



***HOW DO YOU SHARE YOUR VALUES
WITH OTHERS?***



***SHARE A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO
IN THE FUTURE.***