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Important Problem: Gun violence

Example Important Problem: Ocean Pollution

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| Critical Thinking Question | Domain of Thinking | Intellectual Standard/Element of Thought | Fact, Preference, or Judgment |
| Example: What is the leading cause of pollution in the world’s oceans and its impact on ocean life? | Ecology | The intellectual standard related to this question is clarity because in order to understand why the oceans are polluted, it is important to be specific about what is polluting them. The element of thought would be information since the data and facts of what causes ocean pollution would lead to further ecological questions about when enough data is understood, and the goal of cleaning them up can be formed. | Fact |
| What practices and social structure support gun violence and how can it be minimized? | Sociological | The intellectual standard related to this question is breadth   because   There are multiple viewpoints regarding gun violence in society. These viewpoints need to be critically analyzed to understand the practices in a society that promote gun violence.  The problem needs to be analyzed from other possible perspectives as well. As some states do not consider gun violence as a crime and allowed the local people to sue gun for their safety which leads to even more violence. There could be a various pint of view of this issue and those should be considered to minimize gun violence in society.    The element of thought concept because the social structure and practices in a society can be analyzed based on sociological models., laws, theories and practices. It will help to understand the laws or models that can minimize gun violence in society if followed accurately.   The social principals that might be promoting gun violence should be changes to minimize this issue. Societal laws and norms can be redesigned to control the issue of gun violence in society. | Judgment because it requires evidence and reasoning to understand the social structure that supports gun violence and the ways that are helpful to minimize this issue in society. |
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