# **Bloom's Taxonomy Guide to Writing Questions**

#### Knowledge

Useful Verbs	Sample Question Stems
tell	What happened after?
list	How many?
describe	Who was it that?
relate	Can you name the ?
locate	Describe what happened at?
write	Can you tell why ?
find	Find the meaning of?
state	What is?
name	Which is true or false ?

#### Comprehension

Useful Verbs	Sample Question Stems
explain	Can you write in your own words?
interpret	Can you write a brief outline ?
outline	What do you think could of happened next ?
discuss	Who do you think ?
distinguish	What was the main idea ?
predict	Can you distinguish between ?
restate	What differences exist between?
compare	Can you provide an example of what you mean ?
describe	Can you provide a definition for ?

### **Application**

Useful Verbs	Sample Question Stems
solve	Do you know another instance where ?
show	Could this have happened in ?
use	Can you group by characteristics such as ?
illustrate	What factors would you change if?
construct	Can you apply the method used to some experience of your own?
complete	What questions would you ask of ?
examine	From the information given, can you develop a set of instructions
classify	about ?
	Would this information be useful if you had a?

## Analysis

Useful Verbs	Sample Question Stems
analyze	Which events could have happened?
distinguish	I happened, what might the ending have been?
examine	How was this similar to ?
compare	What was the underlying theme of?
contrast	What do you see as other possible outcomes?
investigate	Why did changes occur?
categorize	Can you compare your with that presented in ?
identify	Can you explain what must have happened when ?
explain	What are some of the problems of?
separate	Can you distinguish between?
advertise	What were some of the motives behind ?
	What was the turning point in the game?

# **Synthesis**

Useful Verbs	Sample Question Stems
create	Can you design a to ?
invent	Why not compose a song about?
compose	Can you see a possible solution to?
predict	If you had access to all resources how would you deal with?
plan	Why don't you devise your own way to deal with?
construct	What would happen if?
design	How many ways can you?
imagine	Can you create new and unusual uses for ?
propose	Can you write a new recipe for a tasty dish?
devise	Can you develop a proposal which would ?

#### **Evaluation**

Useful Verbs	Sample Question Stems
judge	Is there a better solution to
select	Judge the value of
choose	Can you defend your position about ?
decide	Do you think is a good or a bad thing?
debate	How would you have handled ?
verify	What changes to would you recommend?
recommend	Are you a person?
assess	How would you feel if?
rate	How effective are?
determine	What do you think about ?