

# Questioning for Learning

helping students become active seekers of understanding  
NWCSI-Alta Vista August Event 2017

School teams across the region are invited to come together to explore how to help students ask their own questions using the Question Formulation Technique, a powerful tool developed by the Right Questions Institute.

Just when you think you know all that you need to know, you ask another question and discover how much more there is to learn. (a sixth grade student quoted on [rightquestion.org](http://rightquestion.org))

Participants, led by Luke Baselack (Mount Vernon), Kaelyn Bullock (Shoreline), and Elaine Brouwer will have the opportunity to experience and practice the **QFT** with fellow educators in grade level or school groups.

## What is QFT?

**This is another tool in the toolkit to engage students around a topic in the beginning, middle, or end of a unit.**

The Question Formulation Technique (QFT) is a simple step-by-step yet rigorous process that facilitates the asking of many questions. The process includes:

1. Teacher generates a **Question Focus (QFocus)**
2. Students are given the **Rules for Producing Questions**
3. Students engage in **Producing Questions**
4. Students engage in **Categorizing Questions**
5. Students engage in **Prioritizing Questions**
6. Teacher and students discuss **How the Questions will be Used**
7. Students **Reflect** on the process

“The humble question is an indispensable tool: the spade that helps us dig for truth, or the flashlight that illuminates surrounding darkness. Questioning helps us learn, explore the unknown, and adapt to change.

That makes it a most precious “app” today, in a world where everything is changing and so much is unknown.

(<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/help-students-become-better-questioners-warren-berger>)

## Registration:

Click on the link or scan the QR code to register. Register by June 1.

<https://goo.gl/forms/QPr9H2QZ5d6xFSvq1>

**When:** August 17, 2017; 9:00–2:30; coffee at 8:45  
**Where:** Mount Vernon Christian High School  
**Cost:** \$25 per participant, lunch provided  
**Clock Hours:** 5 WA State Clock Hours available from Alta Vista  
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The purpose of the August Event is to stimulate and facilitate a cross-Region discussion of how to fulfill our mission as Christian schools. We encourage schools to send a team to carry the conversation back to their learning communities.