

# What is a Compelling Question?

A compelling question guides inquiry. Usually, compelling questions:

- Come about from an **enduring** issue.
- Engage our curiosities.
- Do **NOT** have a yes or no answer.

A compelling question is answered through supporting questions. Supporting questions should be answered using facts and evidence to lead to an answer to the broader, compelling question.



An example of a compelling question might be:

**What is the most important way  
government works for you?**

# What is a Supporting Question?

A supporting question:

- Is a specific question about a compelling question. Usually, supporting questions:
- Ask for answers that result in descriptions and definitions or factual information. These answers help us gather evidence to find a response to the broader compelling question.
- Guides research about the compelling question.

If this is the compelling question:



**What is the most important way government works for you?**

Here might be some supporting questions:



What is the purpose of government?



How is our government organized?



What are the rights and responsibilities of citizens?