**What is an Impact Paradigm?**

An Impact Paradigm is simply a framework of questions used to facilitate deeper understanding of a topic. It is helpful for readers to develop questions related to the text they are reading or video content they are consuming. Developing a good set of questions as a learner helps to maximize the value of reading or watching a particular article, text, story, or video. The following approach to the development of questions is based on that offered by the American Libraries Association (ALA.org).

Purpose of questioning:

* Support an internal dialogue between the reader and the author, illustrator, or text
* Keeps the reader engaged

Characteristics of Authentic or Strategic questions:

* Prompt thinking
* Don’t always have one right answer
* Cause reader to wonder or ponder
* Dispel or clarify confusion
* Challenge the reader to rethink one’s opinion
* Lead the reader to seek out further information
* May require further research

Self-Assessment questions

* Check or monitor reader’s knowledge of text

Researchable questions :

* Focused
* Posed to fill in specific information about a particular topic
* Unfocused
* Clear up confusion Lingering questions
* Extend and expand the reader’s knowledge beyond the text

Methods for Developing Questions:

* Based on skimming, scanning, and looking at pictures
* Reading the first few chapters
* Reading reviews of the book
* Brainstorming in small groups

Types of Questions

* Literal questions can answered directly by reading the text
* Inferential can only be answered through thoughtful examination of text, discussion in –class & in small groups, and independent research
	+ Inferential questions involves phrases such as: “I wonder...;” “How come ....?” and “What does that mean?”