**SAMPLE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

* When and how is it appropriate to use power?
* Should liberty be limited?
* Why do social, economic, and political inequalities exist?
* What type of relationship should exist between individuals, institutions and government?
* What does it mean to be an American?
* What justifies the limitation or promotion of freedom?
* Does a limited or an energetic government serve the people best?
* Why do ideas and values change over time?
* What is the proper balance between protecting individual rights and promoting the common good?
* Why do people move?
* What is proper relationship between humans and the environment?
* What justifies rebellion?
* What role should Americans play in the world?
* What is the impact of war?
* In what ways to leaders positively or negatively affect society?
* How do resources affect cooperation or conflict among nations?
* Do innovation and advancement unite or divide people?
* How do conflicts shape alliances, boundaries and national identities?
* What is the best way to achieve political, social or economic change?
* What are the proper checks and balances in U. S. government?
* What type of influence should the U.S. have on other nations and the world?
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