

Taxonomy of Inquiry

Structured Inquiry	Guided Inquiry	Open Inquiry
Students engage in question provided by teacher.	Students sharpen or clarify questions provided by teacher, or select among questions.	Teacher allows students to formulate the question to investigate.
Teacher gives students data and tells them how to analyze them.	Teacher directs students to collect certain data and guides them on data analysis.	Students determine what constitutes evidence and collect it.
Teacher gives explanations from evidence.	Teacher gives students possible ways or guides them to formulate explanations from evidence.	Students formulate explanations based on evidence collected.
Teacher gives students steps and procedures for communicating explanations.	Teacher provides students with guidelines or coaches them on communication of findings.	Students communicate and justify explanations on their own.