**Oral Defense Questions: Performance Tasks #1 & #2**

**Source Selection and Use**

1. How did the stimulus materials inspire your original research? Which stimulus material(s) prompted

your research question ? ( Note: this relates to PTA #2 readings )

2. What information did you need before you began your research, and how did that information shape

your research ?

3. What evidence did you gather that you didn’t use? Why did you choose not to use it ?

4. How valid and reliable are the sources you used ? *How* do you know ? Which sources *didn’t* work ?

5. How did you select the strategies you used to gather information or conduct research ?

Were they effective?

6. *How* did your research question evolve as you moved through the research process ?

Did your research go in a different direction than you originally planned or hypothesized ?

7. What information did you need that you weren’t able to find or locate ?

How did you go about trying to find that information ?

8. How did you handle the differing perspectives in order to reach a conclusion ?

**Extending argumentation through effective questioning and inquiry**

1. What additional questions emerged from your research ? *Why* are these questions important ?

2. What advice would you have for other researchers who consider this topic ?

3. What might be the real-world implications or consequences ( influence on others’ behaviors or

decision-making processes ) of your findings ? What are the implications to your community ?

4. If you had more time, what additional research would you conduct related to this issue ?

5. Explain the level of certainty you have about your conclusion, solution, or recommendation.

6. How does your conclusion respond to any of the other research or sources you examined ?

7. How did you use the conclusions and questions of others (outside sources, or fellow team members )

to advance your own research ?

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**Defending the argument**

1. What information from your team report did you exclude from your presentation, *and why* ?

2. Describe your thought processes as you prepared to deliver your argument to an audience:

Which points did you want to ensure would be emphasized in the presentation ?

3. Which parts of the team report do you find most challenging to defend, *and why* ?

4. Which part of the outcome suggested the need for possible further research ?

5. Which aspect of the transition from writing a report to delivering a presentation did you find the most

difficult ?

6. What information did you learn about the topic that you had been unaware of, and why is this

information significant ?

7. How did you decide which perspectives to use in your argument ?

8. On page \_\_\_ of your Written Team Report, you reference [ insert reason ]. . .

* What evidence did your team find to support that reason ?
* How did you use the conclusions and questions of others to advance your own research ?

**Providing evidence of collaboration**

1. How did your team go about developing your research question ?

2. What changes did you make to the team report and presentation as a result of group discussions ?

3. On what basis did your team make decisions about what to include in your team report and

presentation ?

4. How did your own views about the problem or issue change as a result of the evidence found by other

team members ?

5. What is one way you benefited from other team members’ contributions to the report ?

6. How did you divide the work among team members and why did you choose to do it that way ?

7. What contribution did you make that facilitated the process of writing and revising the report and

delivering the presentation ?

8. How did the input of other team members affect the overall emphasis or delivery of the presentation ?

9. How did working as part of a group help you think more deeply about your own research ?

10. Overall, what lessons have you learned about working as part of a team that you could put to use

in a future team project?