

## Question Stems for Predicting Short Answer Questions

These question starters can help you as you predict higher-order questions as part of your test preparation for any class.

- ✓ What is the difference between ... and ...
- ✓ Do you agree or disagree with ... ? Support your answer.
- ✓ What conclusions do you draw about ... ?
- ✓ Explain why ...
- ✓ How are ... and ... similar and different?
- ✓ How would you use ... for ... ?
- ✓ What would happen if ... ?
- ✓ What are the strengths and weaknesses of ... ?
- ✓ How does ... relate to what we learned about ... earlier?
- ✓ Explain how ...
- ✓ How does ... affect ... ?
- ✓ Why is ... important?
- ✓ What do you think causes ... ?
- ✓ Compare ... and ... in regards to ...
- ✓ What are some possible solutions to the problem of ... ?
- ✓ What is the meaning of ... ?
- ✓ Explain and give examples of ...
- ✓ What is the relationship between ... and ... ?
- ✓ What is the effect of ... ?
- ✓ Why is ... better than ... ?