Depth and Complexity Icons

The Depth and Complexity framework is designed to help students think more critically and deeply about various subjects. It consists of 11 icons that prompt students to explore content in a structured and meaningful way. Here are the icons along with their meanings:
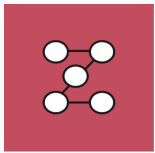
Language of The Discipline — Focuses on the specific vocabulary, terms, and expressions unique to a subject area.
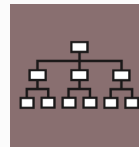
Details — Encourages paying attention to the specific facts, elements, and components within a topic.

Patterns — Looks for recurring elements, themes, sequences, or events within a topic.

Rules — Focuses on the guidelines, principles, and regulations that govern a topic.
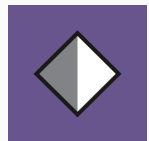
Multiple Perspectives — Considers different viewpoints or interpretations within a topic.

Over Time — Examines how a topic evolves or changes over a period.

Ethics — Investigates the moral implications or ethical issues related to a topic.

Big Idea — Identifies overarching themes, concepts, or ideas that connect different areas of knowledge.
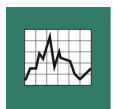
Unanswered Questions — Identifies gaps in knowledge or areas that require further exploration.

Across Disciplines — Connects concepts and themes across different subjects or fields.

Trends — Recognizes emerging patterns or shifts in thinking within a topic.

Each icon serves as a tool to delve deeper into subjects, encouraging students to think more critically and make connections across various domains of knowledge.