Economic Systems - Big Ideas Inquiry
Grade 8 Geography

1) People do many different jobs to earn money. What are some of the jobs your friends and family do? Do they do those jobs to just earn money?

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

➢ What QUESTIONS do you still have? (you will use this to inspire research)

➢ What have you LEARNED from research?
2) Technology has changed the way we do things. What are some new technologies you use that were not available in the early 1900s? What technologies help us produce/create materials or goods to sell?

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

➢ What QUESTIONS do you still have? (you will use this to inspire research)

➢ What have you LEARNED from research?
3) All people need clothes and other basic necessities. Where do many of the clothes we buy come from? Why do they come from these places? What other things do people need?

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

➢ What QUESTIONS do you still have? (you will use this to inspire research)

➢ What have you LEARNED from research?
4) Many children around the world face hardships. What causes the difficulties these children face? (ex: child labour)

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

➢ What QUESTIONS do you still have? (you will use this to inspire research)

➢ What have you LEARNED from research?
5) Not everyone in Canada enjoys the benefits of a good life. Why is there poverty in such a wealthy country?

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

➢ What QUESTIONS do you still have? (you will use this to inspire research)

➢ What have you LEARNED from research?
6) Everything is connected. How many businesses can you think of that were involved in producing one hamburger that a local teenager might buy? Consider the very beginning to the point where the hamburger is ready to eat. How does producing the hamburger affect the environment?

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

➢ What QUESTIONS do you still have? (you will use this to inspire research)

➢ What have you LEARNED from research?
7) Canada relies on trading with the world. Canadians buy and sell things to other countries. What are some items we sell to other countries? What are some things we buy from other countries?

➢ What do you THINK you know already about this? (brainstorm!)

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