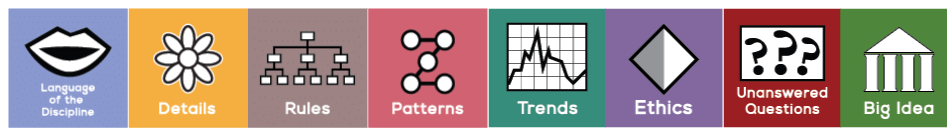


Depth & Complexity Framework

Depth and Complexity is a framework developed by Sandra Kaplan and Bette Gould after studying experts in a variety of fields. The research focused on how experts thought differently about their work than typical workers in the same fields. As a result of their work, Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Gould identified eleven different thinking pathways used more frequently to think deeper or in a more complex manner about problems of practice. These thinking pathways have become what we now know as “icons” within the Depth and Complexity structure.

- **Depth** in the curriculum is ensured by including: the language of the discipline; details, rules, patterns, trends, ethical issues, unanswered questions and big ideas.



- **Complexity** is created by examining multiple perspectives, changes over time and interdisciplinary connections.



For more information:

[Depth and Complexity Icons: Everything You Need to Know](#)

[Introduction to Iconic Prompts for Depth & Complexity](#)

[Master the Depth & Complexity Framework](#)

[A Parent's Guide to Using Critical Thinking Tools at Home](#)