**Science Inquiry Project  
Definition of Terms and Subsequent Questions**

Please save this document onto your own computer or a flash drive, and then add to it throughout the duration of your research process. Add or subtract rows as needed. If you prefer to work by hand or you wish to add drawings to your work, adjust the size of the boxes to suit your needs and then print out these pages and store them in your accordion folder.

You may create your own form of this document as long as you are meeting the basic needs of the criteria: definition of terms (preliminary and in-depth) and questions that arise during your research.

**Remember that even when working in bullet or drawn form, clarity in communication is key.**

**Definition of Terms**

**Preliminary (Quick) Definitions**These are the terms you need to define before you can engage in research.

Some terms will require you to make choices.

For example, if you look at our Socials Guiding Question: “Is our civilization on the rise or the fall, and how would we know?”

Terms here that we needed to make choices about: “our”—do we mean Canada or Western civilization or the global civilization? “We”—do we mean Division 3 or historians?

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**Definition of Terms**

**Definitions Requiring In-Depth Research**These are the terms to cannot define until you have engaged in research and exploration.

For example, if you look at our Socials Guiding Question: “Is our civilization on the rise or the fall, and how would we know?”

Terms we needed to explore before defining: “civilization,” “rise,” fall.”

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**Subsequent Questions**

As you engage in your research, you may find that new questions arise that need to be answered in order to go further with your own inquiry question.

For example, take our model question, “Is there life in outer space, and if so, how would we know?”

As you engaged in this question, you would soon realize that a sub-question arises: under what conditions does carbon-based life develop? You would need to answer that question before you could understand where in the solar system, galaxy, and Universe this could be possible.

Record your questions and answers below – again, bullet-form is fine, as is drawing.

Add more boxes as needed, as your research continues and deepens.

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