

Knowledge Framework Template

Directions: A TOK knowledge Framework is a graphic organizer that will help you to distinguish the Areas of Knowledge and compare and contrast how we gain and use knowledge within each of the AOKs. You will be responsible for reading the various resources, discussing in your groups and compiling the information into your graphic organizer. Use the questions below to help guide you. In addition to the support materials, you are encouraged to speak to your subject teachers—they are the experts in their fields.

	Area of Knowledge #1	Area of Knowledge #2
<p>Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the area of knowledge about? ● What practical problems can be solved through applying this knowledge? ● What are the current open questions in this area—important questions that are currently unanswered? ● What makes this area of knowledge important? 		
<p>Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To what extent is our perspective determined by our membership of a particular culture? ● What is the significance of key historical developments within this area of knowledge? ● What does this area of knowledge identify about knowledge that is rooted in particular social and cultural groups? ● Is this type of knowledge less or more open to interpretation than others? ● Is an understanding of the perspective of other knowers essential in the pursuit of this knowledge? 		

<p>Methods and Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the methods or procedures used in this area and what is it about these methods that generates knowledge?• What are the assumptions underlying these methods?• What counts as a fact in this area of knowledge?• What role do models play in this area of knowledge?• What is seen to constitute 'good evidence' in this area of knowledge?		
<p>Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should the pursuit of knowledge in this area of knowledge be subject to ethical constraints?• What responsibilities rest on the knower as a result of their knowledge in this area of knowledge?• In this area of knowledge, how can we know when we should act on what we know?• Do established values in this AOK change in the face of new knowledge?		