Research Questions: Levels of Arguability Worksheet

Level 1: Questions that can be answered with knowledge you have right now
Level 2: Questions that can be definitively answered with scholarly research
Level 3: Open-ended questions to which an answer can be proposed based on scholarly research but that cannot be answered definitively
Level 4: Questions that cannot be addressed with scholarly research, either because of a lack of evidence or because they ask something that cannot be answered by citing evidence

Directions: Read the following questions and indicate the level of arguability that each of them attains (write 1, 2, 3, or 4).

____ 1. When was Germany re-unified?
____ 2. How did Gandhi reveal the truth about the human condition?
____ 3. Was Stalin the main reason for the fall of the Soviet Union?
____ 4. What was the difference between German and Italian fascism?
____ 5. What was the role of architecture in imperial Japan?
____ 6. How and why did the women’s liberation movement evolve during the 1960s?
____ 7. How much freedom do Islamic women possess in the household?
____ 8. What role did art play in expressing the anxieties of interwar France?
____ 9. Why was existentialism an appealing philosophy in postwar Europe?
____ 10. What strategies and war technologies did the Third Reich use in order to make their conquest more effective?
____ 11. How do Asian philosophies shape and inform modern Western medical practices and methodologies?
____ 12. Who developed the internet?
____ 13. How did the practice of Buddhism develop in the modern West? What distinct characteristics make it different from Eastern Buddhism? What major contributions did Eastern Buddhism make to Western culture and technology?
____ 14. Which religion is more violent: Christianity or Islam?
____ 15. What is the significance of the Virgin of Guadeloupe in modern Mexican society?
____ 16. Why do Islamic and Christian cultures clash so violently?
____ 17. What was the role of women in African society?
____ 18. Why has immigration been such a problem in modern Europe?
____ 19. Does medicine play a religious or a scientific role in Islamic society?
____ 20. Where did AIDS originate, and how did it become a world health crisis?