Root Cause Analysis Target Questions

* How do you know the problem exists?
* What do you see happening?
* What are the symptoms?
* What conditions allow the problem to occur?
* Why is this happening?
* What are your teachers or staff doing or not doing to contribute to the problem?
* What are students doing or not doing to contribute to the problem?
* What is the community or family doing or not doing to contribute?
* What school systems support the problem? What systems do not support the problem?
* What barriers are in place?
* How does the curriculum contribute?
* How does time contribute? Does the school schedule play a role in the problem?
* What causes the teachers to contribute to the problem?
* Why do students feel or act a certain way?
* How does instruction contribute to the problem? How does the problem show up in instruction?
* Do you have a lack of fidelity to a program/system?
* Is there something not being implemented?
* How does the problem affect learning? Teaching? Climate? Culture?
* Does this have to do with teacher knowledge? Pedagogy? Planning? Materials? Technology?
* What is the tone/feeling/climate of the school?
* What impact does leadership have on the problem?
* What other factors are contributing to the problem?