A Checklist of Questions You Can Ask to Target Intellectual Standards

Clarity
Could you elaborate further?
Could you give me an example?
Could you draw a picture of what you mean?

Accuracy
How could we check on that?
How could we find out if that is true?
Are we sure we aren’t distorting the truth?

Precision
Could you be more specific?
Could you give me more details?
Could you be more exact?

Relevance
How does what you say relate to the problem?
How does that bear on the question?
How does that help us with the issue?

Depth
What makes this a difficult problem?
What are some of the complexities of this question?
What are some of the difficulties we need to deal with?

Breadth
Do we need to look at this from another perspective?
Do we need to consider another point of view?
Do we need to look at this in other ways?

Logic
Does all this make sense together?
Are we looking at this reasonably?
Does what you say follow from the evidence?

Significance
Is this the most important problem to consider?
Is this the central idea to focus on?
Which of these facts are most important?

Fairness
Am I considering all the relevant viewpoints?
Am I being selfish?
Am I being fair to myself and others?