A Set of Model Questions for Tutoring

1. **Comparison**
   - How does this paper compare to others you’ve written?
   - Is this form new to you?
   - What feedback have you gotten in the past?

2. **History of Paper**
   - How did this paper develop?
   - What changes have you made already?

3. **Main Idea**
   - What is the paper’s main idea?
   - What/where is your thesis?
   - What do you want to argue in this paper?

4. **Good Points**
   - What do you like best about the paper?
   - What works best?
   - What do you think your strengths are as a writer?

5. **Weak points**
   - What do you like least about the paper?
   - What would you like to improve?
   - What do you find challenging about writing?

6. **Incomplete**
   - Where is your paper incomplete?
   - Are there any sections you feel like you can expand upon?

7. **Clarification**
   - What do you mean by this?
   - Why did you organize it this way?
   - Do you think more explanation would be helpful?

8. **Readers**
   - Who is the audience for this paper?
   - How will they respond?
   - Is there anything they will have trouble with?

9. **Surprise**
   - What surprised you in writing this?
   - What have you learned?

10. **Future Direction**
    - Where is this paper going?
    - What are your goals for this paper?
    - How will you revise this paper?
    - What strategies will you use?