### The Five Elements

The five elements of the knowledge framework serve as a tool by which to compare the AOKs. You might, for instance, develop a presentation around any one of the questions, but explore the question in relation to two AOKs. In my view a comparison between two AOKs is never a mistake. The worst comparison essays are those which simply juxtapose the AOKs. ('History is like this… art is like this…'). It's far more effective to start with the framework and use one of the points to explore the two AOKs.

### Writing Knowledge Questions

Students often find it difficult to develop informative and helpful knowledge questions in both the presentation and the essay. In many cases the students are trying to capture meaningful insights but sometimes this takes them beyond the reach of genuine questions about knowledge. Knowledge questions must be:

- open (i.e. shouldn’t be answerable by yes or no)
- general (i.e. can be applied to a number of different real-life situations)
- about knowledge

A good first step would be to identify what element of the knowledge framework you are interested in exploring, then tailor your knowledge question directly to that. This reminder could be used to help keep you on track when discussing knowledge or building a knowledge question.