



“How Do You Ask A Good Question?”

Qualities of a Good Essential Question:

- EQs cannot be answered with a “Yes” or a “No”.
- EQs require that we check assumptions (our own as well as those general to a topic.)
- EQs require research.
- EQs are usually controversial and require consideration from different points of view and multiple sources.
- EQs lead to more and deeper questions.
- EQs do not have one right answer. Sometimes, EQs cannot be answered completely.
- Answers to EQs are developed over time and supported by careful consideration of the related research.
- Answering EQs requires judgment (Critical Thinking).

Words that are Clues for Good Essential Question

<u>Probably Not A Good Question</u>	<u>Possibly A Good Question</u>	<u>Probably A Good Question</u>	<u>Especially Good: Requires Judgment</u>
“Should”	“What”	“Why”	“Why should...”
“Is”	“When”	“How”	“How should...”
“Are”	“Who”		“How could...”
	“Where”		